

Dear Mrs T Pickup,

App/21/00024-land between, 26-32 Padnell Road, Waterloooville - Erection of block of 6 flats with associated parking and bin/cycle storage

Thank you for your consultation. The application is supported by ecological assessment by 4 Woods Ecology (November 2020).

The site lies in a suburban area with mature trees bounding the southern boundary, beyond lies a small area of habitats providing opportunities for wildlife such as fox hedgehogs and birds. At the time of the ecological survey the site comprised tall ruderal and grassland habitat and had piles of woodchip, having recently been cleared of trees, shrubs and grassland.

The ecology report found limited ecological value at the site and has recommended measures to protect hedgehogs during works and nocturnal wildlife south of the site from lighting impacts post works. Enhancements include tree planting however this is not reflected in the site plan. Swifts nest sites and bat bricks are also recommended.

I would support these measures. In addition to the enhancement planting of trees and shrubs along the south and west boundaries of the site (Section 4.4 of the 4 Woods Ecology report, Nov 2020), to mitigate the loss of trees and grassland onsite the applicant should include the installation of a hedgehog house and the creation of meadow habitat within the site. As well as gaps (13 cm x 13 cm) for hedgehog permeability along the southern eastern and western fences. Details of which shall be included in the proposed site plan and submitted for approval prior to commencement.

If you were minded to grant permission I would recomend the following condition is added to the planning permission as follows:

Prior to commencement an updated site plan shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority, showing the location of trees, shrubs and meadow habitat to be planted, hedgehog house and gaps in fences. Once approved, works shall proceed in accordance with this document and Section 4.4 of the 4 Woods Ecology report) **Reason:** *to protect biodiversity in accordance with the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981, the NERC Act (2006), NPPF and Policy CS 11 of the Havant Borough Core Strategy March 2011.*

Please let me know if you have any queries.

Kind Regards

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