

Dear David,

APP/20/00833 | Erection of a flexible power generation facility with associated ancillary infrastructure, access and boundary treatment | Power Generation Facility, Southmoor Lane, Havant, PO9 1JW 20.1213

Thank you for consulting me on this application. Thank you for your patience.

The application is accompanied by a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (TMA, July 2020). The site is generally of limited ecological value, containing areas of hardstanding with some limited boundary vegetation. I am content that the proposals are not likely to have significant impacts on legally-protected or notable species and habitats. However, I note that other consultees have commented on the loss of the majority of the trees along the eastern site boundary. Whilst these trees may not be especially mature, and have not been flagged as likely to support protected species, they form a useful corridor of habitat within an otherwise industrialised area and they link to other habitats situated to the south and south-west. The details provided of proposed replacement landscaping show the use of native tree and shrub planting to supplement the retained, off-site vegetation.

If you are minded to grant permission, can I suggest that ecological mitigation, compensation and enhancement measures are secured by condition

Development shall proceed in strict accordance with the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (TMA, July 2020) unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. All ecological enhancement measures shall be installed in accordance with ecologist's instructions and retained in a location and condition suited to their intended function Reason: to protect and enhance biodiversity in accordance with the NERC Act 2006, NPPF and Policy CS 11 of the Havant Borough Core Strategy March 2011.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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