

Dear Lewis,

APP/19/01030 | Demolition of existing building on 10A, The Pallant and adjacent existing building remaining to the rear of 11 East Street; Erection of 2No. 3 bed Town Houses , plus 1No. 1 bed flat and 1No. 2bed maisonette. | 10A The Pallant, Havant, PO9 1BE 19.2116

Thank you for consulting me on this application.

The application is not accompanied by any detailed ecological information. Whilst I would not expect the existing buildings to be of particular ecological value, they may nonetheless exhibit features suitable for supporting legally-protected species such as roosting bats and nesting birds. If present, the proposed demolition would clearly impact any such species. I consider that ecological assessment is required.

I would recommend that the applicant commissions a Phase 1 ecological survey of the site: this should include an assessment of the potential for the site to support protected species (to be provided by a qualified ecologist (see Natural England [guidance](#) on finding a suitably-qualified ecologist). The Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM) (www.cieem.net) holds a database of suitably-qualified ecologists.

A Phase 1 ecological survey will determine whether there is any evidence of protected species or whether the site offers habitat suitable for supporting protected species, and whether the proposed works are likely to result in impacts to those habitats or species. Unless the consultant is able to conclude that there is no reasonable likelihood of protected species being present (due to negligible potential) or, that if present they are not to be impacted by the works, it is likely that further ecological survey work (Phase 2 survey) will be required prior to determination of the application. The results of any further surveys should be used to provide an assessment of the likely ecological impacts of the proposed works and to inform any mitigation measures.

NPPF, Circular 06/2005 and Natural England Standing Advice on Protected Species, require that planning decisions are based on full, up-to-date ecological information and it is essential that all necessary survey, assessment and mitigation information is available to the LPA prior to determination, particularly in the case of protected species, which are a material planning consideration. This will enable the LPA to determine the application on the basis of full knowledge about the ecological impacts of the proposal and to ensure that any impacts can and will be mitigated, and are acceptable.

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

Kind regards,

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