

# Consultee Comments for Planning Application APP/19/01166

## Application Summary

Application Number: APP/19/01166

Address: Former site of Colt International Ltd, New Lane, Havant, PO9 2LY

Proposal: Reserved matters application following Outline Planning Permission APP/18/00244 relating to access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for residential development of 94 dwellings and discharge of requirements of conditions 5 (ecological mitigation and enhancement strategy), 15 (vehicular access points) and 16 (pedestrian and cycle links).

Case Officer: David Eaves

## Consultee Details

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## Comments

Dear David,

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Thank you for consulting me on this application.

The application is accompanied by a revised Ecological Mitigation & Enhancement Strategy (EcoSupport, April 2020). I welcome the inclusion of specific mitigation measures for on-site ecological features such as badgers (further monitoring is proposed) and nesting bird species (timing and methods of vegetation removal). Specific supervision measures are required for some features such as woody vegetation and spoil heaps.

Recommendations for lighting specifications are made and, on the basis of the submitted lighting strategy for the housing, lux levels of 0.74 are expected for most areas.

The variety of enhancement features such as bird nesting boxes and bat roosting boxes is encouraging and I welcome the additional bat roosting and bird nesting features included. The built environment, especially in a heavily urbanised borough such as Havant, has a crucial role to play in biodiversity recovery and opportunities to maximise biodiversity enhancements should be

standard.

The proposed wildflower meadow planting swathe through the centre of the site is welcomed, as is the inclusion of various native-led soft landscaping features. The landscape management strategy is now aligned with the ecologists recommendations and is acceptable.

Overall, I am content with the scope of proposed ecological mitigation, compensation and enhancement measures and, if you are minded to grant permission, can I recommend that these are secured by condition.

Development shall proceed in accordance with the ecological mitigation, compensation and enhancement measures detailed within the Ecological Mitigation & Enhancement Strategy (EcoSupport, April 2020) unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. All ecological mitigation, compensation and enhancement features shall be installed, managed and monitored in accordance with this document and shall be retained in a location and condition suited to their intended purpose. Reason: to protect biodiversity in accordance with the Conservation Regulations 2017, Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981, the NERC Act (2006), NPPF and Policy CS 11 of the Havant Borough Core Strategy March 2011.

If you have any queries please dont hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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