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Dear David,

**APP/19/01166 | Reserved matters application following Outline Planning Permission APP/18/00244 relating to access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for residential development of 95 dwellings and discharge of requirements of conditions 15 (vehicular access points) and 16 (pedestrian and cycle links). | Former site of Colt International Ltd, New Lane, Havant, PO9 2LY 20.0002**

Thank you for consulting me on this application.

The application is accompanied by an Ecological Mitigation & Enhancement Strategy (EcoSupport, November 2019). 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. Further detail of proposed road lighting will be required to ensure that light spillage does not result in impacts to proposed ecological landscape features.

The variety of enhancement features such as bird nesting boxes and bat roosting boxes is welcomed although I consider that a more ambitious number could be used: there are 95 new dwellings here and there is no reason why each one could not have some form of enhancement feature built in. Bat and bird enhancement features are inexpensive, are integral and will not detract from a building's aesthetics nor impact its maintenance. 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. As ever, it will be the ongoing management of these habitats that dictates how biodiverse they will be and they should not be treated as simply areas of amenity greenery. The landscape maintenance strategy does not include details of ongoing maintenance of wildflower areas: these need a bespoke management arrangement which will entail the removal or arisings and cuts at specific times so as to maximise ecological benefit. The EMMP contains such details and these need to be reflected in the landscape maintenance strategy so there is no confusion over the type of management regime required.

Overall,, I am content with the scope of proposed ecological mitigation, compensation and enhancement measures albeit with some minor queries detailed above. The main concern is ensuring that the measures within the EMMP are reflected explicitly within other key documents so that these measures are understood and enacted by those delivering the scheme.

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

Kind regards,

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