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Sent: 19 August 2020 15:20
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Cc: Havant Planning and Development Mailbox New
Subject: APP/20/00241 Land adjacent Saxted House, 5 Tower Street, Emsworth, PO10 7BH 20.0266

Dear Lesley,

APP/20/00241 | Construction of 1No. 5 bed detached dwelling with car ports and detached garage (alternative design for one of two dwellings granted planning consent in 2003 (ref: 03/53651/016) and partially implemented. | Land adjacent Saxted House, 5 Tower Street, Emsworth, PO10 7BH 20.0266

Thank you for consulting me on this application.

The application is not accompanied by any ecological information and I have therefore carried out my own non-exhaustive desk-based assessment using the application documents, online sources and recent GIS mapping and biological records data. The site comprises a sizeable garden plot set amidst residential housing and is not likely to be of particular ecological interest, comprising well-managed lawn grassland. The proposal would entail the loss of some of this lawn area. The site does not appear to be different from many similar gardens in the surrounding area. It is my view that potential ecological impacts are likely to be limited. The new dwelling provides an opportunity to include biodiversity net gain such as integral bird or bat nesting or roosting features.

Chichester & Langstone Harbours SPA/Ramsar and Solent Maritime SAC which are situated c.50m from the site. There is some potential for construction-phase activities to result in impacts to these sensitive sites through noise and visual disturbance and airborne and waterborne pollution, although the sites are buffered by the presence of other dwellings and gardens. These potential issues should be addressed primarily through the adoption of sound construction working methods including pollution prevention. If carried out during the overwintering bird season (October to March inclusive), there should be a restriction on percussive or other intensive noise events. Current Natural England advice is that noise levels at or below 67dB are acceptable.

If you are minded to grant permission can I suggest that a Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP) is secured by condition. This should include details of measures to avoid construction impacts to the adjacent designated sites arising from noise, visual disturbance, airborne and waterborne pollution.

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

Kind regards,

Tristan

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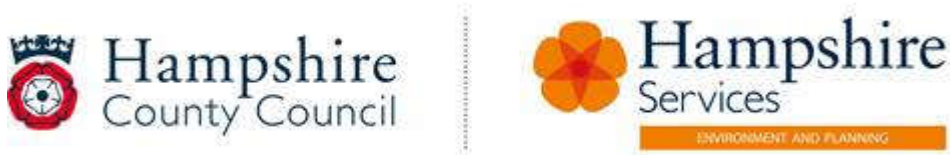
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