

APP/19/00281 | Reserved matters application following Outline Planning Permission APP/15/01235 relating to appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for residential development for 43 residential dwellings with access off Woodcroft Lane and emergency access off Eagle Avenue. | Land adjacent Woodcroft Primary school, Woodcroft Lane, Waterloooville, PO8 9QD 19.0587

Thank you for consulting me on this application. Having now received information from the applicant I can provide comment on condition 12.

The application includes a Site Conditions Update Letter (Kingfisher, January 2019) and an Ecological Mitigation and Enhancement Scheme (Kingfisher, April 2019). The letter report confirms that the site has been maintained in a condition similar to that when last surveyed and is not likely to be constrained by new ecological receptors. I am therefore content that there is a good level of understanding of the site's ecological constraints.

The EMES provides a detailed strategy for addressing both construction-phase impacts such as vegetation removal, as well as ecological compensation and enhancement measures. I am content with the stated working methods for vegetation clearance and agree that some updating, pre-commencement surveys for trees is necessary. The retained ecologist's advice must be followed during construction.

A range of ecological enhancements are provided, including a range of bat and bird boxes and native species plantings. These are all acceptable. My only request is for the addition of nest boxes for common swift to be included. I would suggest that a total of ten boxes, placed in suitable locations according to the ecologist's advice, would be suitable. Swift boxes are inexpensive and have been shown to provide a positive gain for this declining species.

I would therefore recommend that, with the addition of swift nest boxes, the EMES as submitted is acceptable and should therefore be implemented fully.

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

Kind regards,

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