

FAO – David Eaves

Your ref – APP/19/00007, Additional Information - Outline for up to 72 dwellings etc -Camp Field,
Bartons Road, Havant (Havant)

Our ref - 288549

Dear David

Thank you for consulting Natural England on the additional information submitted for the above planning application.

Deterioration of the water environment

It is noted that a revised nutrient budget has been provided in line with Natural England's advice dated June 2019. It is noted that the development achieved nutrient neutrality based on the existing and proposed land uses at the site. Provided Havant Borough Council, as competent authority, is satisfied with the assumptions included in the assessment, Natural England raises no concerns. Should the design of the scheme change, a recalculation should be undertaken.

Natural England recommends a condition that secures the water use of 110 litres per person per day.

Please note the calculation is based on all wastewater from the development being treated at Budds Farm WwTW. If this situation changes, a reassessment of the nutrient calculation will be required and a revised Habitats Regulations Assessment will be necessary.

The competent authority will need to be assured for perpetuity that this open space will be managed as such and there will be no additional inputs of nutrients or fertilisers onto this land. The nitrogen budget assumes that a total area of 1.46 ha will be managed as open space (0.4 ha as open space, 1.06 ha as biodiversity enhancement. Appropriate planning and legal measures will be necessary to ensure it will not revert back to agricultural use, or change to alternative uses that affects nutrient inputs on the long term. It is therefore recommended that these areas are designated open space on-site and long term management is secured to ensure the provision of dog bins and that these are regularly emptied.

Additional ecological information

Natural England welcomes the additional ecological information submitted and provision for a fund to install bat boxes in Barton Copse to provide further opportunities for bat roosting. It is also noted that additional measures are proposed to restrict informal access into the woodland by repairs to the existing fence and a secondary robust barrier.

It is recommended that the fund covers the maintenance and repair of the bat boxes and any necessary management associated with the bat boxes, in perpetuity. It is also recommended that the fund covers ongoing repair of the fence and any associated management to prevent informal access in perpetuity.

It is noted from the design of the scheme and submitted documentation that there is an aspiration for additional development to the north of the site on land within East Hampshire District Council. It is Natural England's view that further development to the north of the site will raise issues with regard to Bechstein's bats and ancient woodland that are yet to be resolved and would be extremely

difficult to resolve. Natural England has concerns about further development encroaching into this sensitive habitat and buffer area. It is difficult to see how this would not have a significant impact.

Natural England recommends that the proposed orchard is secured and maintained with any planning permission.

Natural England recommends that the Biodiversity Mitigation and Enhancement Plan (BMEP), or equivalent, and the lighting strategy is agreed with your retained ecologist and secured with any planning permission.

Other advice is included in our consultation response dated 27 February 2019 (ref 272286).

Please let me know if you need any further information.

Kind regards
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