

APP/18/00380 and APP/18/01262 | Outline application for the construction of 3No. two storey detached dwellings, following demolition of existing buildings. | Southmere Farm, The Mallards, Havant 19.0331

Thank you for consulting me on these two applications. The submitted Wildlife Protection and Habitat Enhancement Scheme (David Leach, February 2019) provides an acceptable way forward for addressing the serious damage carried out to semi-natural habitats at this site. Provided that the measures detailed within this scheme are implemented in full at the earliest opportunity I am content that the submission allows the discharge of Condition 10.

The Environment Agency have confirmed that the submitted details are satisfactory and that, separate to planning consent, a Flood Risk Activity Permit would be required for physical works adjacent to the watercourse.

It is imperative that any contractors used for watercourse restoration works are experienced in this field: the use of general building contractors would be unacceptable.

We have discussed a suitable timeframe for requesting evidence that the habitat restoration measures have been carried out as described. I view the most critical action as the landscaping of the damaged bankside habitat. Native plantings should be carried out at the very earliest opportunity in order to maximise the recovery of this habitat. I would therefore recommend the following condition wording:

A written report detailing the implementation of the habitat enhancement measures for the Langstone Brook shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority no later than three months after the commencement of development activities, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The report shall include evidence that the required sensitive landscaping actions have been carried out as described within landscape drawing 200 revision E (M2 Architecture, 6 February 2019) and the Wildlife Protection and Habitat Enhancement Scheme (David Leach, February 2019). The report shall include details (timescales, actions and responsibilities) of ongoing monitoring and maintenance of repaired habitats. Reason: to protect and enhance biodiversity in accordance with the NERC Act 2006, NPPF and Policy CS 11 of the Havant Borough Core Strategy March 2011.

Kind regards

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