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Dear Tina,

APP/18/01107 | Erection of 3No. 4 bed dwellings including parking and landscaping. | Land rear of 97A Lovedean Lane, Waterloooville, PO8 9RN 18.2265

Thank you for consulting me on this application. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to you.

The application is accompanied by a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PJC, June 2018). The site comprises a moderately-sized plot containing mature woodland in the west and a mixture of bare ground, grassland and low scrub in the east. The site also contains several built structures. It would appear that some vegetation within the site has been cleared recently.

The site is considered to be of limited ecological value and is stated as offering negligible potential for supporting protected species such as roosting bats, hazel dormice, badgers and reptiles. Whilst the eastern part of the site would appear to be largely devoid of vegetation, there would appear to be areas suitable for e.g. nesting bird species.

Overall, I am content that the eastern part of the site (i.e. the development footprint) is likely to be of limited ecological interest. No further ecological survey works is necessary.

However, the woodland on site is clearly of ecological value (it is mapped as Priority Habitat by the Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre) and there is potential for the proximity of the new dwellings to result in disturbance to the woodland. The woodland is within the garden curtilage of the new dwellings and there could presumably be pressure to manage or remove tree cover in favour of more-usable garden space, or to illuminate the garden spaces. I note the comments by the Arboricultural Officer in relation to the need for an impact assessment and would suggest that this document would have direct relevance to any ecological assessment. I would recommend that additional information is provided and that a mitigation strategy for the woodland is provided.

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

Kind regards,

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