

Dear Lewis,

APP/18/01317 | Reserved Matters Application for Access, Landscaping and Layout, pursuant to outline application APP/10/00828 for approval of landscape detail, access and levels at Berewood Town Park Phase B. (Winchester City Council Outline Application reference 10/02862/OUT and Reserved Matters reference 19/00008/REM) | Land at Town Park site, London Road, Waterloooville 19.0087

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

The application is accompanied by an Ecological Appraisal and Phase 2 Surveys report (Lindsay Carrington Ecological Services Ltd, October 2018). This application forms a substantial development plot within the much larger Berewood/West of Waterloooville development site. The site comprises a series of arable and grassland fields with associated mature hedgerows, woodland, a stream, ditches and a pond. A range of protected and notable species are present, including hazel dormice, bats, badgers, common reptiles and breeding and wintering birds. Some of baseline survey information for these is now over 15 years out of date (bird surveys last completed in 2003-5).

Overall, mitigation, compensation and enhancement measures are presented as aspirations rather than detailed commitments. The site is not placed within the context of the wider development and so it is not possible to determine, from this submission, how any mitigation/compensation/enhancement measures fit into the broader strategy. For example, the ecology report does not provide definitive details of the extent of hedgerow impacts (e.g. 'if the proposals require removal...') and I would request that the impacts to various habitats are quantified (e.g. how much hedgerow habitat is being lost/compromised?). In common with your Landscape consultee, I would expect additional detail on the composition of new areas of planting and how these accord with the recommendations within the ecological assessment.

Mitigation measures for some protected species are not satisfactorily detailed. For example, for reptiles it is unclear exactly where reptiles moved from development plots will go. Is there to be a reptile receptor area? Where is it and how will it be established and managed? Further detail is required.

Overall, there is an insufficient level of detail on the likely impact to protected species and habitats and a similar lack of detail on the location and quantity of compensatory and enhancement habitat. Further details are required.

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

Kind regards,

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