

APP/19/00083 Proposed new access for use by tractors and goods vehicles. 77 Havant Road, Hayling Island, PO11 0PT

Thank you for consulting Natural England on the above application.

Biodiversity Mitigation and Enhancement Plan

Natural England recommend that the planning application is accompanied by an up to date ecological survey. In addition, we recommend that the application is supported by a Biodiversity Mitigation and Enhancement Plan (BMEP) that has been agreed by a Hampshire County Council (HCC) Ecologist. This will ensure the proposal meets the requirements of the standing advice and the additional requirements for biodiversity enhancement as set out in National Planning Policy Framework paragraphs 8, 170, 174 and 175d. The scope of the BMEP should be agreed with the HCC Ecologist and will need to consider great crested newts, reptiles, bats, hazel dormice, and nesting birds.

The application should include a consideration of what existing environmental features on and around the site can be retained or enhanced or what new features could be incorporated into the development proposal. Examples might include:

- Providing a new footpath through the new development to link into existing rights of way.
- Creating a new pond as an attractive feature on the site.
- Planting trees characteristic to the local area to make a positive contribution to the local landscape.
- Using native plants in landscaping schemes for better nectar and seed sources for bees and birds.
- Incorporating swift boxes or bat boxes into the design of new buildings.
- Designing lighting to encourage wildlife.
- Adding a green roof to new buildings.

We recommend the applicants make use of the Defra [biodiversity metric](#), which is a clear and methodical calculation for net gain in biodiversity for individual planning proposals.

Protected Species

Natural England has produced [standing advice](#) to help planning authorities understand the impact of particular developments on protected species. We advise you to refer to this advice. Natural England will only provide bespoke advice on protected species where they form part of a SSSI or in exceptional circumstances.