

RE: APP/18/01107 HRA & Appropriate Assessment - Erection of 3x4 bed dwellings including parking and landscaping. Land rear of 97A Lovedean Lane, Waterlooville PO8 9RN

Appropriate Assessment - No objection

Natural England notes that your authority, as competent authority under the provisions of the Habitats Regulations, has undertaken an Appropriate Assessment of the proposal, in accordance with Regulation 63 of the Regulations. Natural England is a statutory consultee on the Appropriate Assessment stage of the Habitats Regulations Assessment process.

Your appropriate assessment concludes that your authority is able to ascertain that the proposal will not result in adverse effects on the integrity of any of the sites in question. Having considered the assessment, and the measures proposed to mitigate for all identified adverse effects that could potentially occur as a result of the proposal, Natural England advises that we concur with the assessment conclusions, providing that all mitigation measures are appropriately secured in any permission given.

Please note in future cases where the necessary avoidance and mitigation measures are limited to collecting a funding contribution that is in line with an agreed strategic approach for the mitigation of impacts on European Sites then, provided no other adverse impacts are identified by your authority's appropriate assessment, your authority may be assured that Natural England agrees that the Appropriate Assessment can conclude that there will be no adverse effect on the integrity of the European Sites. In such cases Natural England will not require a Regulation 63 appropriate assessment consultation.

Other Advice

Biodiversity Mitigation and Enhancement Plan

Natural England recommends 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 nesting birds, bats and reptiles. The lowland mixed deciduous woodland on site should also be considered as part of the BMEP.

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.

If you have any questions, please do let me know.

Kind regards,
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