

Havant Borough Tree Wardens

Dear Ms Haywood

RE: Ecological Mitigation Management Plan : App/16/00774

Thank you for your recent letter drawing our attention to the December 2017 Ecological Mitigation & Management Plan drawn up by WYG, (Barratt Consultants).

The plan, of course, sets out a cluster of actions as called for in various local, regional and national policies and is focused on the site specific mitigation of the impact of the development.

We are particularly concerned with ensuring effective strategies for protecting the biodiversity on site, during construction and afterwards.

However, with respect, recent experience of housing development sites in the borough does not encourage total confidence in the measures proposed. Problems on other sites in the borough, and the sensitivity of this site, highlight the need for a higher level of continuity and developer accountability.

We would like to suggest Ecological Mitigation and Management strategies are co-ordinated by a Havant Borough Council officer with responsibility for the Environment, and with sufficient resources and experience to manage site practices.

This site, given its proximity to a sensitive coastline plus the mounting pressure on borough wildlife habitats, demands that we cannot get this wrong. We need to show we have explored and set up a more effective approach to environmental mitigation, that does produce net benefits to the environment.

Consequently, several of our members have expressed a wish to be included in a "construction phase residents' group", with continuing representation and involvement in the post-construction management group.

We look forward to future collaboration in this, and hopefully other, green field developments.

Yours sincerely

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