

APP/17/01327 | Redevelopment of grass rugby pitch to provide World Rugby Compliant Third Generation Artificial Grass Pitch, with new floodlighting, storage container and ancillary works | Hooks Lane Ground Clubhouse, Fraser Road, Havant, PO9 3EJ 18.0587

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 and a Preliminary Bat Roost Assessment (Middlemarch, November 2017). The site comprises an area of amenity grassland, hardstanding, a clubhouse and planted coniferous hedging. The site is of very limited ecological value overall but the proposal would directly impact the little ecological value it does have.

The retention of the tall coniferous hedging surrounding the existing pitch would greatly minimise the potential impacts of floodlighting on nocturnal organisms.

If you are minded to grant permission can I suggest that the ecological mitigation measures detailed within the Additional Information document (CBRE, 1 May 2018) are secured by condition.

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

Kind regards,

Tristan

Tristan Norton

**Senior Ecologist
Ecology Team**