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Subject: APP/17/00454 Land at the rear of 2-56, Blendworth Crescent, Havant 17.2062

Dear Steve,

APP/17/00454 | Variation of Condition Nos 12 (ecology), 14 (landscaping) and 15 (approved plans) of Planning Permission APP/16/00464 (Construction of 48 dwellings comprising 20 houses and 28 flats with associated landscaping, car parking, bin and cycle storage) to allow for a relocation of the foul pumping station to the south western corner of the site. | Land at the rear of 2-56, Blendworth Crescent, Havant 17.2062

Thank you for consulting me on this application. Further to our telephone conversation yesterday, and the comments from the applicant team you kindly forwarded to me on 5th December 2017, please find below some additional comments.

Clarification has been provided on the proposed bat corridor. I am willing to agree that (providing it is implemented as described) the corridor will be of a suitably-dense character in order to provide its primary function and would agree with you that the bow-top railing would be better than simply posts. I would rather that there is no routine public access to the bat corridor, in order to prevent pressure to tidy-up.

The bat boxes have not been installed as described. The applicant has now installed two wall-mounted boxes and has committed to incorporating cavity-boxes within the walls of the new flats. Short of requiring existing walls to be rebuilt, this is the best we can hope for and this will at least provide additional roosting opportunities within the built site.

The submitted Bat Corridor Habitat Creation and Management Plan (EcoSupport, August 2017) states that monitoring of the bat corridor will take place over five years from establishment. I consider that the LPA should be provided with written reports detailing the monitoring works and any remedial/management works resulting from them.

As we discussed yesterday, this has been a far-from-satisfactory development in many respects, not least in terms of ecology. The LPA has been forced into engaging with a complicated salvage situation rather than being able to sign-off a competent, well-designed ecological mitigation package. The applicant must commit to ensuring that the bat corridor is properly monitored and management is funded.

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

Kind regards,

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