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Subject: APP/17/01362 81 Eastoke Avenue, Hayling Island, PO11 9QP 18.0149

Dear Bee,

APP/17/01362 | Single storey rear extension; loft conversion incorporating glass screen balcony to rear and revised fenestration; cladding to first floor elevations. | 81 Eastoke Avenue, Hayling Island, PO11 9QP 18.0149

Thank you for consulting me on this application.

The application is not accompanied by any ecological information and I have therefore carried out my own, non-exhaustive desk-based assessment using the application documents, online sources and recent GIS mapping. Whilst the site is likely to be of limited ecological value, and the works are relatively limited, the proposed works would result in disturbance to roof materials and areas of hanging tiles. These areas may support features used by roosting bats and nesting birds.

In this instance I would be willing to review recent, good quality photographs of the building (these should show all areas being affected, especially any roof tiles and hanging tiles, and any roof voids or enclosed spaces). I must stress that it is not the role of the LPA to determine ecological impact. Should photos prove inconclusive or demonstrate that surveys are required (e.g. by demonstrating that suitable features are indeed present) I would recommend that the applicant commissions a Phase 1 ecological survey of the site: this should include an assessment of the potential for the site to support protected species (to be provided by a qualified ecologist (see Natural England [guidance](#) on finding a suitably-qualified ecologist). The Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM) (www.cieem.net) holds a database of suitably-qualified ecologists.

NPPF, Circular 06/2005 and Natural England Standing Advice on Protected Species, require that planning decisions are based on full, up-to-date ecological information and it is essential that all necessary survey, assessment and mitigation information is available to the LPA prior to determination, particularly in the case of protected species, which are a material planning consideration. This will enable the LPA to determine the application on the basis of full knowledge about the ecological impacts of the proposal and to ensure that any impacts can and will be mitigated, and are acceptable.

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

Kind regards,

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