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Dear Rachael,

APP/17/00548 | Erection of steel portal frame building with provision for offices, trade counter, staff facilities and warehouse. | 4, Hermitage Park, Harts Farm Way, Havant

Thank you for consulting me on this application.

The application is now accompanied by an Ecological Appraisal (Encon, October 2017). The site is described as being of limited ecological value, containing areas of recently-cleared ground as well as ruderal herbage and grassland. A small stream channel is present to the south and the site is bordered to the north by a tree/hedge line.

I am content to agree that the site is of limited ecological value, although I would suggest that the habitat shown in the site photos appears perfectly suitable for supporting common reptile species (which are known to occur along the A27 corridor immediately adjacent to the site). The report correctly highlights the potential for damage/disturbance to occur to the taller woody vegetation to the north and to the small stream (which itself eventually feeds into the internationally-designated estuarine nearby).

If you are minded to grant permission can I suggest that a Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP) is secured through condition.

Prior to the commencement of development activities, a Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP) shall be submitted for approval to the Local Planning Authority. The CEMP shall include details of measures to protect adjacent habitat and details of measures to avoid pollution of the aquatic environment. Development shall proceed in strict accordance with the approved CEMP. Reason: to protect biodiversity in accordance with the Conservation Regulations 2010, Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981, the NERC Act (2006), NPPF and with and with Policy CS 11 of the Havant Borough Core Strategy March 2011.

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

Kind regards,

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