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Dear Mr Oliver,

APP/17/00930 – Single storey outbuilding with provision for sleeping accommodation (part retrospective) - 61 Geoffrey Avenue, Waterloooville, PO7 5BH

Thank you for consulting me. The application is not supported by any ecology report. Review of the available aerial imagery for the site indicates that the area for the new outbuilding was covered by a hedgerow, scrub and trees. It is understood that vegetation clearance has already taken place to accommodate this new building. Therefore I am concerned that the development may have affected legally protected and notable habitats/species. However, as the clearance has already taken place, there is little to be gained from seeking further information and I can only hope that the vegetation clearance was carried out in full regard of relevant biodiversity legislation.

If you are minded to grant permission, in line with Section 40 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 which states that 'Every public authority must, in exercising its functions, have regard, so far as is consistent with the proper exercise of those functions, to the purpose of conserving biodiversity', I would advise that the application includes measures to enhance biodiversity, secured through a planning condition, with possible wording as below:

- Details of no fewer than 3 bird/bat boxes, including their location and specification/design, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning. **Reason:** To enhance biodiversity in accordance with National Planning Policy Framework, the local authority's duty under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006.

Please do contact me if you need any further information.

Kind regards,
Maral

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