

Consultee Comments for Planning Application APP/24/00053

Application Summary

Application Number: APP/24/00053

Address: Multi Storey Car Park, Bulbeck Road, Havant

Proposal: Application to determine whether prior approval is required for the method of demolition of multi storey car park including slab removal and the proposed restoration of the site.

Case Officer: Steve Weaver

Consultee Details

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On Behalf Of: Ecologist, Planning Policy Team

Comments

Dear Steve,

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Thank you for consulting me on this application.

The application is now accompanied by a Bat Emergence and Re-Entry Surveys (Arbtech, June 2024). The building was considered to offer bat roosting potential, and further survey works were recommended.

Two evening bat emergence surveys were carried out in May and June 2024. No bats were observed roosting within the building and it is concluded that roosting bats are not currently a constraint. No further bat survey works are necessary.

The bat report provides some sensible and proportionate recommendations for ecological impact mitigation as well as enhancements. Matters of ecological enhancement such as bat roosting and bird nesting features can be addressed within any future application for redevelopment of the site. The report highlights that the building remains potentially suitable for roosting bats and that a precautionary method of removal for specific building features is required.

If you are minded to grant permission, can I suggest that all ecological avoidance and mitigation measures are secured.

Development shall proceed in accordance with the ecological avoidance and mitigation measures detailed within the Bat Emergence and Re-Entry Surveys report (Arbtech, June 2024) Reason: to protect biodiversity in accordance with the Environment Act 2021, Conservation Regulations 2017, Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981, NPPF, NERC Act 2006 and 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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