

APP/22/00829 Former Dairy Crest Depot, Dunsbury Way, Havant 22.1188

Dear Lesley,

APP/22/00829 | Application for Approval of Reserved Matters (Appearance, Layout, Landscaping and Scale) pursuant to Outline Planning Permission ref. APP/18/01109, for the erection of 74 dwellings, together with communal amenity space, drainage, parking and associated infrastructure, landscape, ancillary and site preparation works, with access off Fulflood Road. | Former Dairy Crest Depot, Dunsbury Way, Havant 22.1188

Thank you for consulting me on this application. Thank you for your patience.

The application is accompanied by a Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment (EcoSupport, August 2022). The submission of BNG assessments is not yet mandatory in the UK and Havant Borough Council does not currently require BNG assessments for planning applications. However, where submitted these will be reviewed and treated accordingly.

The site is of limited biodiversity value, comprising a former commercial site characterised by expanses of hardstanding, buildings and with minimal vegetation. I am generally supportive of the proposed ecological measures within the BNG assessment and these should, if implemented, result in an increase in biodiversity units within what is an unremarkable site. However, I note that your landscape consultee has raised some concerns with certain aspects and the proposed landscaping may need to be amended to address these. BNG requires long-term (30 years) commitment from the applicant/site owner to ensure that the desired habitats are in sufficient condition to realise the estimated uplift. The submitted information contains no details of any such commitment and it is therefore for the LPA to ensure that an appropriate legal agreement is secured that guarantees long-term management, following submission of details of how habitats are to be managed for biodiversity.

Whilst outside the scope of the current application, the new buildings offer an opportunity for ecological enhancements such as bat and bird boxes.

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

Kind regards,

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