

APP/16/00988 | New dwelling and garage. | 7 North Close, Havant, PO9 2TE 16.1864

The application is accompanied by the previously-submitted Phase 1 Ecological Survey (David Leach Ecology Ltd, September 2015) which provides a basic assessment of the application site and its ecological constraints. The site comprises a typical suburban plot containing managed lawns, ornamental plantings and boundary trees and shrubs and is of limited ecological value overall. The key feature is perhaps the small stream running along the eastern boundary.

The site is considered to offer limited potential for supporting legally-protected species although any areas of denser woody vegetation are likely to provide opportunities for small numbers of nesting bird species. In addition, the ecology report suggests that the boundaries support trees with bat roosting potential and recommends that any trees to be felled are assessed individually for their potential to support bats. I note from the submitted updated arboricultural assessment (James Fuller Arboriculture, September 2016) that there are no trees to be removed to facilitate the development.

If you are minded to grant permission can I suggest that all ecological mitigation and enhancement measures are secured by condition.

Development shall proceed in accordance with the ecological mitigation, compensation and enhancement measures detailed within the Phase 1 Ecological Survey (David Leach Ecology Ltd, September 2015) unless agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Any such measures shall be implemented in accordance with the agreed details and secured in perpetuity, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Reason: to provide ecological protection and enhancement in accordance with the Conservation Regulations 2010, 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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