

APP/15/00503 Demolition of existing 3 bed detached dwelling and construction of 1No 4 bed detached house 3 Swans Walk, Hayling Island, PO11 9TX 15.1053

Thank you for consulting me on this application.

The application is not accompanied by any ecological information and I have therefore undertaken a non-exhaustive desk-based assessment using the application documents, recent GIS mapping and online sources. The proposals will entail the demolition of the existing dwelling and as such there will be impacts to features such as roof materials and roof voids which have potential to support legally-protected species such as bats and birds.

I would recommend that the applicant commissions a Phase 1 ecological survey of the site: this should include an assessment of the potential for the site to support protected species (to be provided by a qualified ecologist (see Natural England guidance on finding a suitably-qualified ecologist <http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140605090108/http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/planningdevelopment/spatialplanning/standingadvice/faq.aspx#q13>). The Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM) (www.cieem.net) holds a database of suitably-qualified ecologists.

A Phase 1 ecological survey will determine whether there is any evidence of protected species or whether the site offers habitat suitable for supporting protected species, and whether the proposed works are likely to result in impacts to those habitats or species. Unless the consultant is able to conclude that there is no reasonable likelihood of protected species being present (due to negligible potential) or, that if present they are not to be impacted by the works, it is likely that further ecological survey work (Phase 2 survey) will be required prior to determination of the application. The results of any further surveys should be used to provide an assessment of the likely ecological impacts of the proposed works and to inform any mitigation measures.

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

Kind regards,

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