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Subject: APP/15/00950 108-110 Elm Grove, Hayling Island, PO11 9EN 15.1684

Dear Sally,

APP/15/00950 Demolition of retail unit and associated outbuildings and redevelopment to form 44No. sheltered apartments for the elderly including communal facilities, access, car parking, landscaping and substation. In addition, provision of 1No retail unit with flat above with associated parking and landscaping. 108-110 Elm Grove, Hayling Island, PO11 9EN 15.1684

Thank you for consulting me on this application.

The application is accompanied by an Extended Phase 1 Ecological Assessment (ECOSA, February 2015) which details that the application site is of limited ecological interest. A small number of features offering bat roosting potential were subject to further survey and no bats were recorded at the site.

I am overall not concerned over ecological matters, except for the single horse chestnut tree which the ecology report states as having moderate potential to support roosting bats. The ecology report recommends retention of this tree, otherwise further survey effort is required. I note that the tree is to be felled and so I would ask for clarification on the way forward.

There is also a recommendation for installing two swift nest boxes on the new building. This is fine, except that the existing building supports nesting house martins not swifts. House martin nest cups would be compensation, swift boxes would be enhancement. Clarification is required.

The site falls within 5.6km of Natura 2000 sites and so there may be a requirement to provide financial contributions towards the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership (SRMP) – the applicant should consult HBC's planning policy team.

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

Kind regards,

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