

Subject: APP/15/00447 Change of Use to Open Storage (B8 use), the addition of two portacabins and associated hard standing Land adjacent, Wengen, Palk Road, Havant 15.0924

Dear Sally,

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Thank you for consulting me on this application.

The application is accompanied by a Phase 1 & Reptile Surveys (EcoSupport, April 2015) which details that the application site is of limited ecological interest in terms of vegetation, comprising a typically species-poor and degraded urban brownfield site. Vegetation comprises tall herbaceous species such as nettle and thistles alongside low bramble scrub. The site contains much refuse.

The site's ecological interest is based upon the presence of slow-worms, and initial surveys highlighted the presence of small numbers of this common reptile species. I am content that the ecological value of the site has been assessed in sufficient detail. It is proposed to undertake a reptile capture and translocation exercise, with animals being moved to the nearby site at Meyrick/Ranelagh Road, Havant. This site is a pre-existing reptile translocation site and is of sufficient size and character to accommodate further animals.

Therefore, if you are minded to grant permission can I suggest that the reptile mitigation measures detailed within the report are secured via condition:

Development shall proceed in accordance with the ecological mitigation, compensation and enhancement measures detailed within the Phase 1 & Reptile Surveys report (EcoSupport, April 2015) unless agreed in writing with the LPA, and with all mitigation and enhancement features permanently retained. Reason: to conserve and enhance biodiversity in accordance with the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981, the NERC Act 2006, NPPF and with 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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