

Dear Daphney,

APP/14/00715 Construction of 4No. 4 bed detached houses with integral garages. (Revised layout from Planning Permission APP/13/00576). Former site of 53, Hart Plain Avenue, Waterloooville 14.1059

Thank you for consulting me in this revised application. I previously gave consultation feedback in relation to this site on 6th November 2013 and recommended that a planning condition be used to secure reptile mitigation measures and for a monitoring report to be submitted to the LPA upon completion of any reptile translocation works.

It would appear from this application that there has been a change of ecological personnel and a change in the proposed reptile receptor site. The previous application, which included recommendations for ecological mitigation within the submitted Ecological Impact Assessment report (The Environmental Project Consulting Group, September 2013) and Ecological Impact Assessment Addendum report (The Environmental Project Consulting Group, 1st November 2013), stated that the moderate population of reptiles on site would be translocated to a recently-converted grassy area close to Butser Hill. It now appears that reptiles will be moved to a much nearer site, Soake Lake in Waterloooville (email from John Poland of Hampshire Ecological Services Ltd to Mr Drew Blackman dated 4th July 2014). I agree that this site would be preferable to moving animals a considerable distance.

Whilst the suggestion of a new receptor site would appear to present some issues in respect to the previously-approved scheme and its ecology-related conditions (e.g. Condition 13 does not capture the new receptor), in general I am content that the ecological constraints here are manageable. Despite purported evidence to the contrary, I can find no information on any known or suspected bat roosts within or in close proximity to this site and in any case the larger trees are to be retained (and are subject to TPOs). Therefore, if you are minded to grant permission, could I suggest that the wording of the previous Condition 12 remains valid:

An ecological report providing details of the reptile translocation exercise (methods used, number, sex and age-class of animals captured and transported) undertaken on site shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority within 3 months of the final translocation visit. Reason: In the interests of ecological research and having due regard to policy CS11 of the Havant Borough Local Plan (Core Strategy) which forms part of the Development Plan and National Planning Policy Framework, March 2012.

Apart from the issue of the reptile receptor, the wording of the previous Condition 13 would also appear valid, as would Condition 11 in respect to lighting and wildlife.

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

Kind regards,

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