

Dear Richard,

**APP/15/00017 Erection of 1No. 4 bed dwelling and detached carport.
New access onto Stakes Hill Road. 71 Stakes Hill Road, Waterloo, PO7 7BH 15.0110**

Thank you for consulting me on this application. In summary, I consider that sufficient ecological information has been provided.

The application is accompanied by an Extended Phase 1 Ecological Assessment (ECOSA, July 2014) which provides a sound appraisal of the site's ecological constraints. The site comprises a small garden plot containing managed species-poor grassland with associated planted boundary vegetation. None of the habitats within the site is considered to be of particular ecological value although the boundary vegetation is contiguous with Stakes Coppice Remnant Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC), a small and isolated area of semi-natural woodland. Whilst there is a known population of hazel dormice within local woodland, I consider this SINC to be too isolated within dense residential development to be suitable for the species. Overall, I concur with the assessment and consider that the likely ecological impacts are minimal.

Therefore, if you are minded to grant permission could I suggest that ecological mitigation and enhancement measures are secured via a suitably-worded planning condition, such as:

Development activities shall proceed in accordance with the ecological mitigation and enhancement measures detailed within the Extended Phase 1 Ecological Assessment (ECOSA, July 2014) unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Any mitigation and enhancement features shall be maintained in perpetuity unless otherwise agreed in writing by the LPA. 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.

I trust the above is suitable – if you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Tristan

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