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Dear Aaron,

APP/14/00024 Outline Application for construction of a new Sports Hall. WaterlooVille Leisure Centre, Waterberry Drive, WaterlooVille, PO7 7UW 14.0073

Thank you for consulting me on this application. In summary, I have no overriding concerns in respect to ecological matters at this site and consider that the ecological information provided is sufficient.

The application is not accompanied by any ecological information and I have therefore based my comments on the information provided within the Ecological Scoping Survey Report (Greenlink Ecology Limited, December 2013) submitted in relation to APP/14/00023.

It is evident that the site of the proposed sports hall is, in common with the wider site, of low ecological value, containing predominantly hardstanding with associated areas of managed amenity grassland and planted trees and shrubs. There is minimal potential for legally-protected species to occur. I am content that the site is of limited ecological interest and that the proposed works are not likely to result in unacceptable ecological impacts.

In relation to APP/14/00023, the applicant's ecologist has provided recommendations for mitigating the impacts of the proposed development of the whole site as well as enhancing the biodiversity value of the site post-development – such measures include timing works so as to avoid the bird nesting season, installing bat and bird boxes and the use of appropriate native species planting to contribute to local biodiversity. I would concur with the comments made by the landscaping officer that these measures are implemented in full.

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

Development shall proceed in accordance with the ecological mitigation and enhancement measures detailed within the Ecological Scoping Survey Report (Greenlink Ecology Limited, December 2013) unless otherwise agreed in writing by the local planning authority. Reason: to protect and enhance biodiversity in accordance with NPPF, NERC Act 2006 and local planning policy.

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

Kind regards,

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