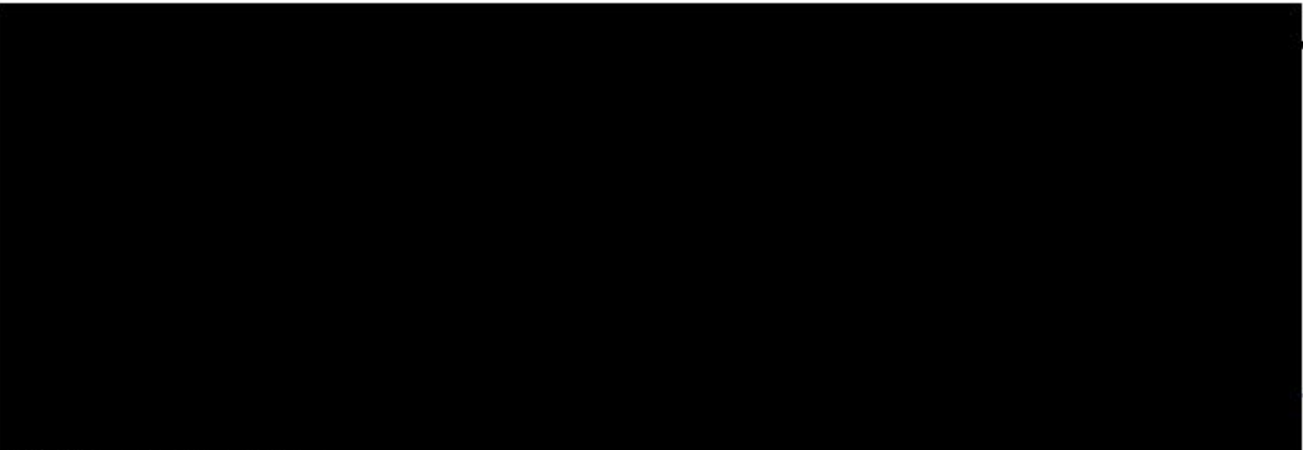




Sent: 08 May 2013 13:28

To: Aaron Wright

Subject: APP/13/00336 - Land to the Rear of 38-40 Long Copse Lane, Emsworth, Hampshire, PO10 7UR - Ecology Ref 13.0380

Dear Mrs Wright

APP/13/00336-| DEVELOPMENT OF EXISITING PADDOCK WITH 4 NO. FIVE BED HOUSES AND ACCESS DRIVE | Land to the Rear of 38-40 Long Copse Lane, Emsworth, Hampshire, PO10 7UR - Ecology Ref 13.0380

Thank you for consulting me for this application. In summary, I have no overriding ecological concerns in respect of the proposed development. My colleague Adam Egglesfield has provided detailed advice on the previous application for this site (APP/12/01027) and, given that there are no substantial alterations to the general level of ecological impact, I have no new concerns to raise.

The ecology survey report (Environmental Project Consulting Group, August 2012) and the addendum report relating to trees and bats submitted by the applicant demonstrate that a detailed assessment has now been made of these trees with respect to potential impacts on bats. The provided information shows that where the proposals have the potential to affect bats, pruning / felling recommendations have been altered to avoid impacts to bats while still ensuring appropriate tree works can be carried out.

I consider that the ecological information provides a satisfactory assessment of the likely ecological impacts of the proposed works and that, provided the works are undertaken in consultation with the applicant's ecologist where necessary, no further ecological survey works are necessary.

If you were minded to grant permission, I would suggest that the following condition (or similar), which was recommended for the previous application, be added to any decision notice:

Works to trees identified in Section 2.0 of the Ecological Scoping Appraisal: Addendum Relating to Bats (Environmental Project Consulting Group, November 2012) shall proceed in accordance with the recommendations specified with respect to the trees identified in the report. Upon completion of the tree works, a brief sign-off report shall be submitted to the planning authority for written approval. Reason: to avoid impacts to bats in accordance with Policy CS11 of the Havant Borough Council adopted core strategy.

Natural England have provided a consultation response which recommends that additional survey work should be undertaken at the site in respect of bats, however, no explanation for this

recommendation has been given. I would advise that, whilst I am confident that the previous comments regarding the site have been addressed and that impacts on bats have been avoided , the applicant may wish to contact Natural England for clarification on their additional information request.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Kind regards

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Please note that this advice is given in accordance with the Service Level Agreement that has been signed between Hampshire County Council and your Council. The comments within this letter are expressed as a professional view provided to Havant Borough Council and should not, therefore, be interpreted as those of Hampshire County Council.

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