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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Mr Eaves

Subject: Outline application for the erection of 92 open market and affordable dwellings.

Location: Land off of Scratchface Lane, Adjacent A3M West of Brooklands Road and Hillmead Gardens Havant.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

We have received notification from a member of the public that a planning proposal has been received by Havant Borough Council regarding the abovementioned property, where hazel dormice may be present.

Where representations from other parties highlight the possible presence, or the Council is aware of a protected or Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) species on the site, the Council should have requested survey information from the applicant before determining the application. Paragraph 98 and 99 of ODPM Circular 06/2005 provides information on BAP and protected species and their consideration in the planning system.

We would draw the Council's attention to our protected species standing advice, which provides guidance on when protected species may be impacted by a proposal. The advice can be found at: <http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/planningdevelopment/spatialplanning/standingadvice/default.aspx>.

It should also be noted that the protection afforded to species under UK and EU legislation is irrespective of the planning system and the Council should ensure that the applicant is aware that any activity they undertake on the application site (regardless of the need for planning consent) must comply with the appropriate wildlife legislation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "S. Tainton", written over a horizontal line.

Miss Sally Tainton
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