

Dear David,

APP/24/00245 Proposed erection of a detached three-bedroomed house including work to Oak Tree subject to a Tree Preservation Order ? Pruning of lateral canopy reduction in length of 2.5m to suitable growth points for the southern and south-western quadrants of the trees canopy with branch diameter not to exceed BS:3998 recommendations, raise western and southwestern canopy only to 6m from ground level excluding any scaffold limbs, remove dead, damaged, or hanging branches. Land south of Furlonge House, Emsworth House Close, Emsworth

Thank you for consulting me on this application.

The application is accompanied by an Ecological Impact Assessment (Darwin, March 2024). The site comprises a relatively small area of modified grassland with associated areas of 'weedy' vegetation and cleared bramble scrub. I am content that the site is of limited ecological value overall and offers minimal suitability for protected and notable species. No additional ecological assessment is necessary. Sensible recommendations for ecological avoidance and mitigation and enhancements are made, including for arboricultural works.

I can confirm that this application is exempt from mandatory Biodiversity Net Gain as the application submission preceded the introduction of BNG for small sites.

If you are minded to grant permission, can I suggest that all ecological avoidance and mitigation measures are secured and that further details of finalised ecological enhancements such as landscaping and bat and bird boxes are provided.

Development shall proceed in accordance with the ecological avoidance and mitigation measures detailed within the Ecological Impact Assessment (Darwin, March 2024). In addition, details of ecological enhancement measures such as the location, number and type of bat and bird boxes shall be provided. Reason: to protect biodiversity in accordance with the Environment Act 2021, Conservation Regulations 2017, Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981, NPPF, NERC Act 2006 and Policy CS 11 of the Havant Borough Core Strategy March 2011.

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

Kind regards,

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