

Consultee Comments for Planning Application APP/25/00403

Application Summary

Application Number: APP/25/00403

Address: Havant College, New Road, Havant

Proposal: Addition of a second story to existing changing facilities with additional balcony and external stairs to create a new sports facility (clubhouse and changing rooms)(Use Class F2).

Alterations to doors and windows and installation of disability access ramp.

Case Officer: Lesley Wells

Consultee Details

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On Behalf Of: Ecologist

Comments

Dear Lesley,

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Thank you for consulting me on this application.

The application form states that the applicant considers that BNG would not apply as the proposed development would meet the de minimis threshold of <25m². I would request clarification of this statement please. The proposed development would appear to result in the loss of an area of grassland situated on the eastern elevation of the existing building. From my approximate calculations using GIS this area would appear to exceed the 25m² threshold. Further information is required. BNG is a legal requirement in accordance with Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

NPPF, Circular 06/2005 and Natural England Standing Advice, require that planning decisions are based on full, up-to-date ecological information and it is essential that all necessary survey, assessment and mitigation information is available to the Local Planning Authority prior to determination, particularly in the case of protected sites, habitats and species, which are a material planning consideration. This will enable the Local Planning Authority to determine the application on the basis of full knowledge about the potential ecological impacts of the proposal and to ensure that any impacts can and will be mitigated.

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

Kind regards,

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