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Dear Lesley,

Thank you for the photos. Having reviewed the photos I would not consider the site to be of ecological value. In view of the arb report, the very few trees to be felled are not likely to have bat roosting features given their size, management and maturity. Therefore, I would not consider ecological survey work necessary. I would advise a nesting bird informative and enhancements to be conditioned.

Nesting Bird Informative

Birds' nests, when occupied or being built, receive legal protection under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended). It is highly advisable to undertake clearance of potential bird nesting areas outside the bird nesting season, which is generally seen as extending from March to the end of August, although may extend longer depending on local conditions. If there is absolutely no alternative to doing the work in during this period then a thorough, careful and quiet examination of the affected area must be carried out before clearance starts. If occupied nests are present then work must stop in that area, a suitable (approximately 5m) stand-off maintained, and clearance can only recommence once the nest becomes unoccupied of its own accord.

The site lies within 5.6km of the Solent and Southampton Water SPA/Ramsar site and the development will lead to a net increase in residential accommodation. Therefore, the applicant has agreed to mitigate for the increased recreational pressure to the Solent Recreation Mitigation Strategy.

If you are minded to grant permission I would advise the following condition is added to the planning permission:

Development shall proceed in accordance with the European Sites Avoidance and Mitigation Checklist and recommendations made within the Biodiversity Assessment report. In addition, a bat roost enhancement shall be included within the new roof design or to a mature tree. Reason: To ensure biodiversity is protected and enhanced in accordance with the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, Habitat and Species Regulations 2017, NERC Act 2006, NPPF and Policy CS 11 of the Havant Borough Core Strategy March 2011.

Please let me know if you have any queries.

Kind Regards

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