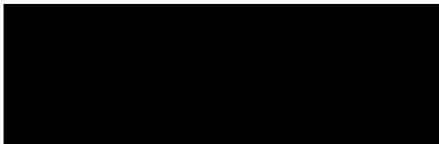

RE: APP/25/00180

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Dear Rob,

APP/25/00180 | Proposed single storey rear extension | 12 Awbridge Road, Havant, PO9 3SN

Thank you for consulting me on this application. The application is not accompanied by any ecological information and I have therefore carried out my own non-exhaustive desk-based assessment using the application documents, online sources and GIS mapping.

Based on images of the application site rear garden, and the presence of records of Slow-worm highlighted in data held by the Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre (HBIC), I would consider that there is a reasonable likelihood of Slow-worms and other common reptile species being present and impacted by the proposed works. The end of the rear garden comprises an area of tussocky grassland with scrub, providing suitable habitat for common reptile species and potentially small numbers of nesting birds. If this area of habitat is being impacted then I would suggest that impacts to protected species are highly likely.

Firstly, I would seek clarification as to the likelihood for the unmanaged grassland/scrub habitat within the site being affected by the proposed development. If this habitat is to be affected then on the basis of the images I have seen I would recommend that the applicant provides an ecological assessment, to be provided by a qualified ecologist. The Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM) (www.cieem.net) holds a database of suitably qualified ecologists. An ecological assessment will determine whether there is any evidence of protected and notable species, and whether the proposed works are likely to result in impacts to those species. Unless the qualified ecologist can conclude that there is no reasonable likelihood of protected species being present (due to negligible potential) or that if present they are not to be impacted by the works, it is likely that further ecological survey work will be required prior to determination of any application. The results of any further surveys should be used to provide an assessment of the likely ecological impacts of the proposed works and to inform any mitigation, compensation and enhancement measures.

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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