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To: Taylor, Kayleigh

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Subject: APP/26/00074 Berewood Development Site, London Road, Purbrook, Waterlooville

Dear Kayleigh,

APP/26/00074 Full planning application for a new pedestrian and cycle link and associated landscaping works connecting the Berewood Town Park to the London Road Toucan Crossing. Berewood Development Site, London Road, Purbrook, Waterlooville

Thank you for consulting me on this application. I have reviewed the submitted Ecological Impact Assessment (LC Ecological Services, December 2025), the Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment (LC Ecological Services, December 2025) and the Biodiversity Net Gain Statutory Metric (LC Ecological Services, December 2025).

The application site comprises an area of managed semi-natural grassland (both modified and slightly more species-rich) alongside a small area of native scrub and a section of native hedgerow. I am content that the vegetation communities within the site have been assessed properly and that impacts to habits are well explained. There is some potential for impacts to protected and notable species, primarily through the loss of small areas of habitat.

I am content that the proposed ecological avoidance and mitigation measures are proportionate. For Hazel Dormice – a European Protected Species that occurs across the wider Berewood site – the assessment concludes that the small area of suitable woody habitat (scrub and hedgerow) is generally isolated from the wider landscape and that the likelihood of this species being present is minimal. This is a sensible and proportionate approach, and I note that that should evidence of Hazel Dormice be encountered, all works will cease and a licence from Natural England will need to be obtained. This is the responsibility of the applicant and their appointed agents.

In terms of Biodiversity Net Gain, the submitted details are acceptable. The proposals would result in an overall gain of 10.86% in habitat units and 21.04% in hedgerow units.

In summary, I would recommend that all ecological avoidance, mitigation, compensation and enhancement measures are secured.

Development shall proceed in strict accordance with the ecological avoidance and mitigation measures detailed within the Ecological Impact Assessment (LC Ecological Services, December 2025), Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment (LC Ecological Services, December 2025) and Biodiversity Net Gain Statutory Metric (LC Ecological Services, December 2025). 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.

I would recommend that all BNG requirements are secured through condition. Recommended condition wording is provided below.

A Biodiversity Gain Plan shall be prepared in accordance with Biodiversity Net Gain Statutory Metric (LC Ecological Services, December 2025) and must include:

- (1) information about the steps taken or to be taken to minimise the adverse effect of the development on the biodiversity of the on-site habitat and any other habitat;*
- (2) the pre-development biodiversity value of the on-site habitat;*
- (3) the post-development biodiversity value of the on-site habitat;*
- (4) any registered off-site biodiversity gain allocated to the development and the value of that gain in relation to the development;*
- (5) any biodiversity credits purchased for the development; and*
- (6) any such other matters as the Secretary of State may by regulations specify.*

The development shall not commence until a Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan (HMMP), prepared in accordance with the approved Biodiversity Gain Plan, has been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the local planning authority. The HMMP shall include:

- (7) a non-technical summary;*
- (8) the roles and responsibilities of the people or organisation(s) delivering the HMMP;*
- (9) the planned habitat creation and enhancement works to create or improve habitat to achieve the biodiversity net gain in accordance with the approved Biodiversity Gain Plan;*
- (10) the management measures to maintain habitat in accordance with the approved Biodiversity Gain Plan for a period of 30 years from the completion of development; and*
- (11) the monitoring methodology and frequency in respect of the created or enhanced habitat.*

Notice in writing shall be given to the Council when the:

- (12) HMMP has been implemented; and*
- (13) habitat creation and enhancement works as set out in the HMMP have been completed.*

The created and/or enhanced habitat specified in the approved HMMP shall be managed and maintained in accordance with the approved HMMP. Monitoring reports shall be submitted to local planning authority in writing in accordance with the methodology and frequency specified in the approved HMMP.

Reason: To ensure the development delivers a biodiversity net gain on site in accordance with Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

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

Kind regards,

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