



Outlook

APP/26/00129 | Installation of practice nets. | Waterloooville Golf Club, Cherry Tree Avenue, Waterloooville, PO8 8AP

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Dear Rob,

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Thank you for consulting me on this application, which is not accompanied by any ecological information.

Whilst the application site is unlikely to be of significant ecological value, I am not convinced that the proposal is exempt from mandatory Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG). From my review of the application documents alongside aerial imagery, the proposal will be affecting an area of existing grassland exceeding 25m² in area and would not therefore meet the de minimis exemption criterion, as claimed on the application form.

BNG is mandatory for all planning proposals unless an exemption is demonstrated. I would recommend that the applicant undertakes a BNG assessment using the Statutory or Small Sites Metric in order to provide a BNG baseline and an estimate of the post-development habitat calculation.

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,

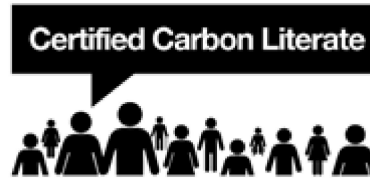
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