

Dear Selina,

APP/25/00860 | Extension to the club room for social use on eastern side and extension to form new disabled and ladies toilet facility on northern side. | The Bellair Club, 2 Bellair Road, Havant, PO9 2RG

Thank you for consulting me on this application.

The application is not accompanied by any ecological information. I have undertaken my own non-exhaustive desk-based assessment using the application documents, online imagery, and GIS mapping. I am content that the proposed works are unlikely to result in significant ecological impacts. I am content that the works to the existing cedar-clad structure would not be likely to result in impacts to e.g. protected species. Similarly, the new extension to the eastern elevation is unlikely to result in ecological impacts.

With respect to Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG), I should highlight that the de minimis exemption relates to impacts of 25m² or less of habitats with a value (as measured by the Statutory/Small Sites BNG Metric) greater than zero. From my review of site imagery, it appears that the proposed development will take place on existing hard surfacing and would therefore affect no areas of vegetation. On that basis, I am content to agree that a de minimis exemption from BNG is appropriate.

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

Kind regards,

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