

Compliance Inspection

Ventry Construction

Downley Road, Havant

23.06.26

Site Visit

- 1.1 An ecological compliance inspection was undertaken on 8 June 2026 following completion of the approved landscaping and ecological enhancement works. The purpose of the visit was to assess compliance with the approved Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP) (FPCR, 2024), Detailed Planting Plan (bea landscape design ltd, 24-042-06 P07) and the Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan (FPCR, V 01, 13.01.26).

Ecological Enhancement Features

- 1.2 The inspection confirmed that the approved faunal enhancement measures had been installed in accordance with the LEMP. Six bird nesting boxes were present and securely installed on the rear elevation of the building (Photograph 0614).

Habitat Creation and Landscaping

- 1.3 The majority of habitat creation and landscaping measures have been implemented in accordance with the approved plans and are generally establishing well.
- 1.4 The northern native hedgerow is establishing successfully (Photograph 0599), whilst the native scrub planting along the eastern boundary is also showing good establishment and healthy growth. Overall, the habitat creation areas inspected were found to broadly accord with the approved planting plans and management prescriptions.

Remedial Actions required

- 1.5 Whilst the majority of planting and habitat creation measures have been implemented successfully, several items require attention to ensure successful establishment and ongoing compliance with the approved LEMP.

Tree Planting

- 1.6 Several newly planted trees have been incorrectly staked and are not receiving adequate support (Photograph 0623). In a number of instances, stakes were found to be loose and could be removed from the ground by hand. Tree stakes and ties should therefore be reinstalled in accordance with the approved planting specification to ensure successful establishment. One rowan tree located centrally within the site was observed to be leaning significantly and requires immediate corrective staking and support (Photograph 0590).

Roadside Hedgerow

- 1.7 The native hedgerow adjacent to the site frontage has established poorly when compared to other planted hedgerows on site. Numerous whips appear to have been planted too shallowly and can be removed from the ground with minimal force, which is likely to adversely affect survival rates (Photographs 0592 and 0594).

- 1.8 The hedgerow should be monitored during the remainder of the growing season and reviewed in autumn 2026. It is anticipated that supplementary bareroot planting will be required during the next planting season to replace failed specimens and achieve the intended hedge density.

Weed Control

- 1.9 Weed growth is currently competing with establishing hedgerow planting in several locations. Weeding should be undertaken and mulch depths increased where necessary to maintain effective weed suppression and improve establishment rates.

Flowering Lawn and Wildflower Grassland

- 1.10 Areas sown with the approved flowering lawn and wildflower grassland mixes have established only partially, with vegetation cover currently remaining sparse and patchy (Photographs 0597 and 0616–0624). This is not unusual during the first establishment year; however, additional overseeding is recommended during autumn 2026 to improve coverage and species establishment.

Eastern Planting Area

- 1.11 Discussions with the site contractor confirmed that a French drain is proposed within the eastern scrub planting area to improve site drainage (Photographs 0603, 0606, 0608 and 0609). As portions of this area have already been seeded with the approved flowering lawn mix, disturbed areas should be reinstated and reseeded during autumn 2026 following completion of the drainage works.

Conclusion

- 1.12 The compliance inspection confirmed that the approved ecological enhancements and the majority of landscape planting have been implemented in accordance with the approved LEMP and planting plans. In particular, the bird boxes, northern hedgerow and eastern scrub planting have been installed successfully and are establishing well.
- 1.13 A small number of remedial measures relating to tree staking, hedgerow establishment, weed management and grassland establishment are required. Subject to completion of these measures, the landscaping and ecological mitigation proposals are considered capable of achieving full compliance with the approved LEMP and associated habitat management objectives.

Site Photographs

1. Swift Boxes in situ to the rear of the building (0613)



2. Northern hedgerow establishing (0599)



3. Scrub planting to the east establishing well (0603)



4. Trees require re staking and grassland to be reseeded in autumn 2026 (0623)



5. Roadside hedgerow, whips not planted deep enough, unlikely to establish in current state (0594)



6. Area to be reseeded following installation of French drain (0609)



7. Grassland to be reseeded in autumn 2026 (0619)



8. Grassland to be reseeded in autumn 2026 (0624)



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