

To: Ecology Contractor
From: Southern Team

Date: 26th January 2024
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PLANNING APPLICATION CONSULTATION

Please complete and return to the case officer by **16 February 2024**

If no response is received by this date it will be taken that you have no comments to make.

Case Officer: Sarah Barter
Application No: 24/00174/OUTS
Proposal: Outline planning application for demolition of existing buildings and erection of up to 270 dwellings, including affordable housing, with land for the potential future expansion of Halterworth Primary School, public open space, structural planting and landscaping, sustainable drainage system (SuDS) and vehicular access points. All matters reserved except for means of access
Location: Land At Halterworth Lane, Halterworth Lane, Romsey, ROMSEY TOWN
TPO: Yes/No
Conservation Area: Yes/No **Listed Building** Yes/No
Development Type: Largescale Major Dwellings

Case Officer Comments:

Response on application as submitted

No Objection
(subject to conditions)

No Comment

Objection
(specify planning reasons for refusal)

Conditions/Reasons for refusal:

Other comments:

Ecological assessments have been carried out and the following information has been concluded.

- Designated sites: The Solent and Southampton Water Ramsar / SPA. Operational Phase – Nutrients: Mid- to Long-term Minor Adverse Effect at a national scale (significant). The Nutrient Neutrality Assessment and Mitigation Strategy has been submitted. The New Forest SAC. Operational Phase: Mid- to Long-term Minor Adverse Effect at a national scale significant) The New Forest Recreation Mitigation Framework has been submitted.
- Habitats & Species: Hedgerows and trees on site are considered to experience short-term impacts; the impacts will be reduced through mitigation measures. The species identified on site including bats and birds are also considered to be impacted in the short term. Mitigation and enhancements measures for these and other species in the local area have been presented. There are no ecological objections.
- The development framework has been assessed using the DEFRA Metric Version 4.0. Details of this assessment are provided in Appendix 7.8. Based on proposing habitats that are readily achievable and commonplace in residential development of

this type, the BNG calculations will result in a 10.11% gain in habitat units and 22.01% gain in hedgerow units. This will be achieved through the enhancement of existing retained habitats and through the creation of native species-rich grasslands, mixed scrub, hedgerows and a wildlife pond. There are no ecological objections.

It is recommended that in line with the mitigation and enhancements as reported; a construction environmental management plan is produced for the duration of works and post construction. No development shall commence on site (including any works of demolition), until the plan has been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority. The Plan shall include the following:

- i) the parking of vehicles of site operatives and visitors;
- ii) loading and unloading of plant and materials;
- iii) storage of plant and materials used in constructing the development;
- iv) hours of construction, including deliveries;
- v) the erection and maintenance of security hoarding including decorative displays and facilities for public viewing, where appropriate;
- vi) wheel washing facilities;
- vii) measures to control the emission of dust and dirt during demolition and construction;
- viii) a scheme for recycling/disposing of waste resulting from demolition and construction works; and
- ix) measures for the protection of the natural environment

The approved statement shall be complied with in full throughout the construction period. The development shall not be carried out otherwise than in accordance with the approved construction method statement. The matter is required to be agreed with the Local Planning Authority before development commences in order that the development is undertaken in an acceptable manner, to minimise detrimental effects to the neighbouring amenities, the amenities of the area in general, detriment to the natural environment through the risks of pollution and dangers to highway safety, during the construction phase having regard to Test Valley Borough Revised Local Plan (2016) Policy E8.

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