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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Simon Davis,

Planning consultation: APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT - Outline with AMR (except access) for residential development with up to 95 No dwellings (Use Class C3), informal & formal public open space, landscaping, drainage & other assoc. works

Location: Land adjacent to Woodgate Nurseries, Lidsey Road, Aldingbourne PO20 3SU

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 07 April 2022 which was received by Natural England on the same day.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Habitat Regulations Assessment – Appropriate Assessment

No Objection Subject to Securing Mitigation - Appropriate Assessment concludes No Adverse Effect on Integrity and Natural England concurs with this conclusion

Natural England notes that your authority, as competent authority, has undertaken an Appropriate Assessment of the proposal in accordance with regulation 63 of the Conservation of Species and Habitats Regulations 2017 (as amended). Natural England is a statutory consultee on the Appropriate Assessment stage of the Habitats Regulations Assessment process.

Your Appropriate Assessment concludes that your authority is able to ascertain that the proposal will not result in adverse effects on the integrity of any of the sites in question. Having considered the assessment, and the measures proposed to mitigate for all identified adverse effects that could potentially occur as a result of the proposal, Natural England advises that we concur with the assessment conclusions. This is providing that all mitigation measures are appropriately secured in any planning permission given. These measures include a sensitive lighting scheme across the site, protection and enhancement of existing hedgerows with native species attractive to bats, provision of dark corridors and incorporating integral bat roosting opportunities into new buildings.

We would be happy to comment further should the need arise but if in the meantime you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

For any queries relating to the specific advice in this letter only please contact Ruby Musgrove-Ward at [REDACTED] For any new consultations, or to provide further information on this consultation please send your correspondences to [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,
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