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App No: BN/22/20/PL

Address: Land South West of 40 Hill Lane Barnham PO22 0BL

Proposal: Remove existing polytunnels & creation of sand school with new native tree & hedge planting.

Bats

The lighting scheme for the site will need to take into consideration the presence of bats in the local area and the scheme should minimise potential impacts to any bats using the trees, hedgerows and buildings by avoiding unnecessary artificial light spill through the use of directional light sources and shielding.

We require that a bat box is installed on a building or tree onsite facing south/south westerly positioned 3-5m above ground.

Dormice

The hedgerows and treelines on site have potential for nesting, commuting and foraging dormice and will need to be retained and enhanced for dormice. This will include having a buffer strip around the hedgerows (5m) and during construction fencing should be used to ensure this area is undisturbed. Any gaps should also be filled in using native hedge species to improve connectivity. Conditions should be used to ensure this.

Reptiles

We are happy that a precautionary approach can be undertaken on the site for reptiles. This involves any removal of scrub, grassland or ruderal vegetation to be done sensitively and done with a two phased cut. As detailed above for the dormice, the longer grass areas buffering the hedgerows will need to be retained which also hold potential for reptiles onsite.

Badgers

As a precaution any trenches should be covered overnight, or a means of escape made available and any hazardous chemicals need to be suitably stored away so animals cannot access them.

Nesting Birds

Any works to the trees or vegetation clearance on the site should only be undertaken outside of the bird breeding season which takes place between 1st March – 1st October. If works are required within this time an ecologist will need to check the site before any works take place (within 24 hours of any work).

We would like a bird box to be installed a tree within the grounds of the site.

Kind Regards

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