

Prospective owner: WADARS

22nd November 2013

Address:

Lot 2, Hangleton Farm Equestrian Centre,
Hangleton Lane,
Ferring,
West Sussex. BN12 6PP

My ref. 13-045

Your ref.

This statement should be read in conjunction with the biodiversity checklist dated 22nd November 2013.

Introduction

WADARS as a charity is concerned with rescue and rehabilitation of wildlife. As such, they will operate in such a way as to encourage retention of wildlife on and adjacent to the site.

Bats

The senior animal rescue officer for WADARS, Billy Elliott, has discussed the potential presence of bats on the site with neighbouring property owners. Bats have not been seen on or around the site for a number of years.

WADARS have a very good working relationship with the local Bat Conservation Society and would actively encourage the roosting of bats on the site by providing bat boxes in suitable locations.

Barn Owls

Billy Elliott has discussed with neighbours whether barn owls have been seen in the area. Neighbours are not aware of any barn owls in the locality.

WADARS would, however, actively encourage barn owls to this locality.

Breeding Birds

No hedgerows, scrub or other features likely to be used by nesting birds will be affected by the proposals.

Neighbours have indicated that migratory birds such as swallows and swifts have been seen in the area. WADARS would encourage these birds to the site through provision of nest boxes.

Badgers

There are badger sets on fields which are adjacent to the application site.

WADARS have a good working relationship with West Sussex Badger Protection Group who will advise in more detail in due course on the precise location of the badger sets.

The only known route used by badgers is Hangleton Lane itself rather than any routes through the application site.

Dormice

The application site itself is unlikely to be a suitable environment for dormice due to the presence of grazing horses.

However it is likely that Highdown Hill and other adjacent areas will provide suitable habitat.

This habitat will not be affected by the proposals.

Great Crested Newts

There does not appear to be any suitable habitat for great crested newts on site.

Reptiles

Billy Elliott has discussed this matter with neighbours. It is reported by neighbours that there are adders on Highdown Hill but there has been no sight of any on the application site itself.