

Natural Environment Team (NET) Ecology & Biodiversity Consultation Response 28.04.23

Application No: P/OUT/2023/01166

Location: Land to the South of Ringwood Road, Alderholt

Description: Outline application for mixed use development of up to 1,700 dwellings (all matters reserved apart from access)

Reference/document	Comment
<p>Technical Appendix 9.1 Ecological Baseline, & Dec 2022, EPR</p> <p>PEA & Further Ecological Surveys Report, 4 August 2022, ABR</p> <p>Bird Survey Report, March 2022, Pro Vision</p> <p>Ecological Appraisal & Phase 2 Survey Report, November 2019, LCES</p>	<p>1. Habitat and protected species surveys, conducted in 2017-2019 and updated during 2021-2022, complied with best practice. As full/reserved matters applications come forward there will be a requirement to conduct updating habitat walkover surveys and possibly update targeted Phase 2 species / botanical surveys.</p> <p>2. Forthcoming reserved matters applications will trigger the criteria of the Dorset Biodiversity Appraisal Protocol and therefore, will need to accord with the guidance for such.</p> <p>3. The upcoming legal requirement for a minimum 10% biodiversity net gain should also be considered and addressed in forthcoming application proposals.</p> <p>4. The provision of SANG areas are welcome, however, careful consideration regarding the effectiveness and acceptability of delivering mitigation for protected species within these areas will be needed. Currently the site is intrinsically undisturbed, areas away from recreational disturbance to mitigate the impacts of the develop upon protected species such as bats, badgers and great crested newts will be needed.</p> <p>Recommended conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP) with a detailed Species Mitigation & Net Gain Strategy (for all protected species) – submitted to and approved by NET under the DBAP – prior to first occupation. 2. A Construction & Environmental Management Plan to be submitted to the authority for written approval prior to any works commencing. 3. A Lighting Strategy complaint with BCT/ILP 08/18 guidelines for bats to be submitted to the authority for written approval prior to first occupation.