

Additional Ecology response for H/23/95031 7 OAKHILL CLOSE, BURSLEDON, SOUTHAMPTON,
SO31 1AP

Retention of double garage at the rear of garden

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I have reviewed the additional information and photos provided. It is now clear that there is no Himalayan balsam on this site. The water butts and planting for pollinators will be satisfactory. The overflow from the water butts can percolate into the ground to the rear of the garage where it can eventually contribute to the ground water in the SINC. If Himalayan balsam does appear on site, it should be pulled out at the roots before flowering and seeding, as the seed pods are explosive when touched and the seeds spread very easily. We will notify the owner of the SINC that the Himalayan balsam must be controlled on that property.

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