

Amended Ecology response for F/23/95568 CHALCROFT BUSINESS PARK, BURNETTS LANE, WEST
END

Erection of a steel framed canopy and associated perimeter fencing

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It was not clear to me that the fencing was just around the proposed canopy area to the front of the building. Biodiversity enhancement is required but can be conditioned. Bird boxes on the rear of the building or on suitable mature trees would be appropriate. No ecology objections.

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The site is adjacent to the Chalcroft Distribution Park SINC 1B other woodland where there is a significant element of ancient semi-natural woodland surviving. The proposal would only come up to the edge of the southwestern access road except where it crosses this road around unit 3a/3b. This unit is already only 5 m from the SINC boundary so a buffer would not be possible here. What is the existing distance between the fencing and the building footprint and how much would it change with the proposed fence in place?

I don't think there would be any impact other than during construction. A CEMP can be conditioned to protect the SINC, which may already be protected by a boundary fence in this area.

Biodiversity enhancement is required, but this may need to be elsewhere on the wider site as I cannot think of an appropriate enhancement for this structure or the perimeter fence.

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