

**H/23/95895 HOUND CORNER FRUIT FARM, HAMBLE LANE, NETLEY ABBEY,
SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 5FT**

Proposed new entrance to site (revision to application H/18/84676)

Thank you for consulting Ecology, my observations are as follows:

The proposed new access removes c.5m of hedgerow which looks to be hawthorn or similar. No ecology information or detailed landscaping has been submitted so I am unable to tell what the proposed new planting will be comprised of.

The hedge is located along a busy and lit road adjacent to a pavement and therefore the ecological function is likely to be significantly reduced. Removal of this section of hedgerow in this location if supplemented with the proposed new planting is unlikely to significantly impact upon ecology. It is possible that it could still be used by breeding birds which will need consideration during works.

In summary, the proposal are unlikely to significantly impact ecology and are therefore not contrary to Local Plan Policy DM11 (Nature Conservation). On this basis I raise no objection to this application but recommend that any vegetation removal is carried out between September and February (inclusive) to avoid breeding birds and the new planting should be comprised entirely of native species such as hawthorn and blackthorn.

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