

Additional Ecology response for C/23/95647 BISHOPSTOKE MEMORIAL HALL, RIVERSIDE,
BISHOPSTOKE, EASTLEIGH, SO50 6LQ

Demolition of existing memorial hall, parish office and storage shed this will also encompass the hedge line adjacent the building.

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I have reviewed the CEMP (Rev 02, November 2023). Although it states that no contaminants of any kind should find their way into the River Itchen, there are no specific controls listed for sediments which may wash off the site and into the river in case of heavy rain when unvegetated soil is present. Sediment control berms must be put into place until construction and landscaping are complete. These are usually composed of hay bales wrapped in landscaping fabric and pegged into place, although other alternatives can be considered. The location of these berms must be shown on the site plan. They must be checked regularly and repaired or replaced as needed.

The Ecology section of the CEMP must be updated to reflect the information in the most recent ecology report. It states that *Hampshire Ecological Services will be undertaking two bat activity surveys, at least two weeks apart, commissioned by Eastleigh Borough Council. Reports, findings and recommendations will be incorporated into the site documentation.* These surveys were completed in September 2023 (Bat Survey and Ecological Update Report by Hampshire Ecological Services, rev 01, November 2023) and no bats were seen emerging or re-entering the Memorial Hall during the surveys.

The site is within a red impact risk zone for great crested newts, with a record of great crested newts across the road at approximately 150 m from the site. The ecology report (November 2023) states that the slightly longer grassland around the south and west perimeters and the base of the treeline along the western boundary have some potential habitat for terrestrial great crested newts. These areas must be marked on the site plan and information about identification of great crested newts and the importance of keeping the vegetation height at 3 cm or less (using a 2-stage cutting method) to deter any amphibians from entering these areas must be included in the site induction.

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