

Ecology response for F/23/96353 CWM Aggregates 79 Mortimers Lane, Eastleigh, SO50 7BT

Extension to existing access.

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There are records of slow worms, grass snakes, bats, and stag beetles near this site. It is in an amber great crested newt impact risk zone. There is a hedgerow in the area which would be impacted by this proposal. The hedgerow is connected to a large area of deciduous woodland priority habitat (Hardings Copse and Scotland Copse) to the south of the site. Knowlehill Copse ancient woodland is located to the south of Scotland Copse.

An ecological impact assessment is required. This must also include an assessment of the hedgerow against the Hedgerows Regulations.

Since a hedgerow is a linear feature, only another linear feature such as a hedgerow would compensate for the loss of this hedgerow. Biodiversity net gain must also be provided.

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