

Ecology response for F/23/96543 MERCURY YACHT HARBOUR AND HOLIDAY PARK, SATCHELL LANE, HAMBLE-LE-RICE, SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 4HR

Erection of 4no. bell tents on a seasonal basis (between May and September inclusively).

Retention of 4no. timber bell tent platforms and barbecue area (retrospective).

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There are records of slow worms, common lizards, bats, notable plants, and hedgehogs in the area.

I have no objections. The wooden tent platforms protect the soil from compaction which would occur due to caravan parking or ground-based tents in this area. The platforms also provide a lower density of impact as only 4 tents would occupy this area.

Biodiversity enhancements are required. I would recommend enhancing this area with some planting beds with plants for pollinators, using a variety of species to provide a long flowering season and allowing the plants to flower and set seed. night scented flowering plants to attract moths as food for bats should be included.

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