

Ecology response for DC/26/100947 POLICE TRAINING CENTRE, ROYAL VICTORIA COUNTRY PARK, NETLEY ABBEY, SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 4TS

Discharge of Conditions. Condition 3 (CEMP) and Condition 4 (Precautionary Working Method Statement) for the approved planning application F/25/98808 for the erection of 3.0 metre high steel mesh security fence to site boundaries, with vehicular entrance gates, and widening of access drive from Hamble Lane

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Condition 3 CEMP

I have reviewed the CEMP by Tetra Tech RPS (V1, February 2026).

The following corrections need to be made

4.1.2 add: The radius of the protective buffer will be dependent on the species present and stage of breeding (i.e. with eggs, chicks, etc.) and will be determined by an ecologist. The minimum buffer will be no less than 5 m.

4.4.6 *Avoiding bonfires or burning waste on site* must be strengthened to Bonfires or burning waste on site will not be allowed.

4.5.3 This section refers to disposal by burning the stems and roots of invasive plants such as Rhododendron and cherry laurel. This must not be done on site but could be done when this plant material has been removed from site, such as on the contractor's own premises.

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4.6.6 Swift bricks such as the Cambridge nest box system are only for buildings. Swift nest boxes on trees might need to be bespoke and must have a clear flight path. I have seen swift nest boxes on poles but not on trees.

4.7.1 refers to the Ogmore River which is in South Wales not in Hampshire.

Condition 4 Precautionary Working Method Statement

I have reviewed the Precautionary Working Method Statement by RPS-Tetrattech (February 2026). It is satisfactory, however due to the request to start vegetation clearance before the DC application was validated, the following must be considered:

Vegetation cutting/trimming: The work to be permitted at the end of February 2026, in advance of the active reptile season, is the first cut to no shorter than 150 mm under the

supervision of an Ecological Clerk of Works (ECOW) as described in the PMW and any vegetation that can be used by nesting birds.

The second cut must be done only when reptiles are active (March-October and in suitable weather and temperature). Therefore, it will be more than 24 hours after this proposed first cut, which is primarily to remove any vegetation that could also be used by nesting birds.

Spelling error: Isle of Wight

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