

Ecology response for F/26/101005 MARINA DRIVE, HAMBLE-LE-RICE

Replacing log retaining wall with timber sleeper wall.

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The photos of the site available on Google maps shows that there is vegetation that would be affected by removal and replacement of the existing log retaining wall. There are records of common lizards and stag beetles very close to this site. The existing wall would provide suitable habitat for reptiles and stag beetle larvae. The area next to the wall would also provide suitable habitat for hedgehogs. The dense vegetation in this area is also suitable for nesting birds and foraging (and possibly roosting) bats.

A preliminary ecological appraisal will be required. The ecologist must determine whether reptile surveys would be possible in this area. If not, they must consider whether the work must be done under ecological supervision or whether a precautionary working method can be used. The report must state during which months, temperature and weather conditions the work can be done to protect reptiles, stag beetles, hedgehogs, nesting birds and bats.

Suitable alternative habitat for these species will need to be incorporated into or next to the replacement wall.

Biodiversity enhancements will also be required in accord with Local Plan policy DM 11 and NPPF (December 2024) paragraphs 187d and 192 b. Suitable enhancements must be recommended by the ecological consultant.

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