

Ecology response 30 6 26 for F/26/100816 MACKOY STADIUM, VT SPORTS GROUND,
PORTSMOUTH ROAD, BURSLEDON, SO19 9PW

6 no. covered Padel courts, Padel centre (including Studio, changing areas and refreshments)
and associated parking

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I have reviewed the following documents submitted today by Peach Ecology (June 2026).

Baseline map: complete and satisfactory

Proposals map: complete and satisfactory

BNG metric, latest version: This has been screened by Mycelia software and there are no errors.

Condition Assessments: complete and satisfactory

EBC BNG strategy form: complete and satisfactory

Draft HMMP: The draft HMMP is acceptable. A final HMMP will be required at discharge of condition stage. It will require a specific planting plan and a specific and detailed 30 year habitat management schedule with directions for management of each habitat type.

Ecological Assessment: complete and satisfactory.

Recommended conditions

A wildlife sensitive lighting plan will be required and can be conditioned. It must demonstrate that any habitats such as the veteran oak, trees, scrub and hedgerows will be kept dark as described in section 5.3 of the Ecological Assessment.

Any vegetation to be removed to facilitate the development must be removed outside of bird nesting season (which is usually between the beginning of March and the end of August). If this is not possible then vegetation can be cleared only after being checked for nesting birds by a suitably qualified ecologist up to 24 hours before the start of works. If any active nests are found, work must stop, and a 5 m buffer must be erected around the nest to protect it from disturbance until after the birds have fledged and left the nest.

Installation of the drainage pipe will result in disturbance of grassland and scrub. Following the installation of the drainage system, this habitat must be allowed to regenerate or be replanted with native scrub species where required.

Installation of the drainage outlet into the existing stream will result in potential temporary disturbance to bankside vegetation, sediment release and pollution risk. Works in this area should be minimised and carried out in accordance with appropriate pollution prevention

measures. The outlet should be designed to avoid erosion of the bank and any exposed ground should be stabilised and reinstated promptly. The requirement for any separate drainage or watercourse consent must be confirmed by the project team prior to works.

The locations of any recommended bat and bird boxes must be confirmed with photographs once installed.

Works to install the drainage pipe and any associated vegetation removal must be done under ecological supervision.

All retained hedgerows, lines of trees and individual trees, particularly along the southern, western and northern boundaries, should be protected during construction through the installation of appropriate protective fencing in accordance with the Arboricultural Impact Assessment.

The ecological enhancements listed in section 5 of the Ecological Assessment must be implemented and managed in accordance with the final Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan (HMMP).

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