

Ecology response 27 7 26 for F/26/101437 BOTLEY CENTRE, HIGH STREET, BOTLEY,
SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 2EA

Construction of new workshop building for vehicle storage and servicing after demolition of existing, to include associated hard standing, security fencing and septic tank.

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Biodiversity net gain

I have reviewed the Statutory Metric and the Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan by South Coast Ecology. The proposal to plant medium sized (DBH >7.5 cm) native trees along the path to the southeast of the site is appropriate and will result in a gain of 12.72 % area habitat (0.04 biodiversity units) for the site, which meets the requirement for 10% BNG.

Bat and bird boxes are also recommended to be installed within the wider site as general ecological enhancements (section 4.2).

The habitat creation, management and monitoring recommendations are appropriate and can be secured for 30 years by planning condition rather than by S106.

Drainage

A soakaway is proposed within the existing hard standing for surface water drainage.

The proposed site plan states that *the final size, location and design of proposed Soakaway and Septic tank to be design and agreed by engineer prior to installation*. This can be conditioned, however if a soakaway is not feasible in this location due to soil permeability issues, to avoid surface water flooding an alternative solution for surface water drainage will be required.

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