

Ecology response for F/26/101957 POLICE TRAINING CENTRE, ROYAL VICTORIA COUNTRY PARK, NETLEY ABBEY, SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 4TS

Installation of 3.0 metre high steel mesh security fence with personnel and vehicular access gates to eastern boundary of the Dog Training Field, following removal of existing boundary fence.

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No objection.

There are records of slow worms, bats, notable invertebrates (Jersey Tiger, Small Heath) and hedgehogs near this site. It is in a green impact risk zone for great crested newts, but there are no GCN records nearby. The proposal is to add a fence along an existing fence line. The Ecology letter by Tetrattech (August 2026) has scoped out most protected species.

Hedgehogs, badgers and foraging and commuting bats are considered possible to be using the site. The precautionary working methods and lighting guidelines recommended in the report are appropriate and must be implemented.

Biodiversity enhancements will be required. This could include extending the area of bramble scrub along the southern boundary or outside the fence to provide resources for pollinators and other wildlife and additional cover for hedgehogs.

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