

Ecology response for F/23/96175 63 UNDERWOOD ROAD, BISHOPSTOKE, EASTLEIGH, SO50 6FX

Construction of five-bedroom end-of-terrace dwelling, incorporating existing ground floor addition, with associated parking and external amenity space

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Ecology acknowledges that there are differences between this application and the previous applications, however they do not change the view that the impacts on the woodland would be unacceptable as detailed on our responses to the previous applications (F/22/94422 and F/22/93394).

A 20 m buffer measured from the canopy edge of Stoke Park Woods SINC is required to avoid disturbance to the SINC. The harm cannot be mitigated or compensated for and there are not wholly exceptional reasons to justify the resultant loss or deterioration of the habitat. It remains the view that the benefit of a single dwelling in this location would not outweigh the harm caused to the SINC/ancient woodland, the increase in physical disturbance, light pollution and shading all contributing to a significant loss of important biodiversity, which is contrary to Local Plan policy DM11.

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