

Ecology response for F/23/95735 Old St Mary's Churchyard, Church Road, Bishopstoke, SO50 6LR

Relocation of Bishopstoke War Memorial including a new wall for memorial plaques,
reinstatement of footpath and associated works

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This site is adjacent to the River Itchen SAC, SSSI. The site photos show the remains of St Mary's Church as a raised grassy platform in a park of mown amenity lawn with trees. It is not exactly clear where the existing memorial is located or the reasons why it needs to be relocated. The site plan shows the new memorial position but not the existing position.

A CEMP will be required to ensure that proposed works do not pollute the River Itchen and any soil (source of sediment) on site is covered so it cannot run off into the river. All refuelling must be done on absorbent mats away from the river.

There are records of stag beetles, bats and water voles near this site and tree roots in the immediate area. Precautionary working methods must be included in the CEMP.

I support the proposal to provide a flower bed around the plaque wall as a biodiversity enhancement and planting of additional flowering plants to attract pollinators over as long a flowering season as possible.

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