

Additional Ecology response 4 4 24 for O/23/96467 Land adjoining Chalcroft Business Park,
Burnetts Lane, West End, SO30 2HH

Outline application for up to 4,130sqm of commercial floorspace (Use Classes E(g)(ii), (iii) and B8) to include farm shop (Use Class E(a)) of up to 327sqm, parking and yard areas (including accessible spaces), landscape buffers and acoustic mitigation. Formation of vehicular and pedestrian access to estate road. Access considered only.

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I have reviewed the Illustrative Landscape Strategy Plan by Deacon Design (Rev D, April 2024). This represents an improvement to the previous designs. There is now continuous green infrastructure with variation in height and aspect around the site boundaries, the two mature existing oak trees have been retained and the wildflower grassland areas are shown on the plan.

I agree that the SuDS basins should not be shaded by the buildings, which has been achieved with this updated design. The street tree plantings in and around the car park areas could be integrated into the SuDS design if SuDS tree pits are used. Night-scented flowering and climbing plants on the acoustic fence, and the addition of green walls and green roofs on the buildings could also be used to enhance biodiversity on site.

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