

Ecology response for DC/24/97469 BISHOPSTOKE MEMORIAL HALL, RIVERSIDE,
BISHOPSTOKE, EASTLEIGH, SO50 6LQ

Discharge of Condition 9 of planning application C/23/95647 for the Demolition of existing memorial hall, parish office and storage shed, this will also encompass the hedge line adjacent to the building.

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6/8/24

I have reviewed the Ecological Appraisal Report by Hampshire Ecological Services (May 2024). The plant species within the hedgerow were listed in section 4.1.1 and in appendix B of the report. The hedgerow has been assessed as having moderate suitability for commuting and foraging bats. It could provide suitable habitat for dormice, but is not connected to other suitable habitat (isolated in an urban environment), so not likely to support dormice. It is in a red impact risk zone for great crested newts with a record of great crested newts approximately 150 m from the site, across the road. It has the potential to support nesting birds and three (apparently dis-used) nests were found within the hedge during the survey. The base of the hedge is suitable for foraging and commuting reptiles but the area immediately adjacent to the hedge is not suitable, so it is not likely that reptiles would be using the hedgerow.

I am satisfied that Condition 9 can now be discharged.

Lisa Malter

Ecologist