

Ecology response for F/24/98025 BARTON PEVERIL COLLEGE, CHESTNUT AVENUE, EASTLEIGH, SO50 5ZA

Installation of substation at northern side to support the art and design school

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The area is approximately 3.5 m x 2m so would be exempt as being below the threshold for requiring 10% biodiversity net gain. No other surveys or BNG calculations are required.

The planting proposed to be removed appears to be ornamental shrubs growing together densely, not a hedgerow.

Previous survey work for this application (PEA by Ecosupport December 2022) mentioned potential for nesting birds and foraging and commuting hedgehogs.

A precautionary working method is required. This must include:

Clearance must only be done immediately after a precautionary check for nesting birds and hedgehogs by a suitably qualified ecologist.

A two-stage cut will be required, with the first cut to 30 cm in height, cutting from the car park towards the main hedge. This must be left for a day before removing the stumps to enable any animals which might be using this area for shelter to move away safely.

Enhancements to existing planting have been proposed along the southern boundary of the wider site as compensation for loss of these shrubs. This should include species which provide flowers for pollinators and fruits for wildlife. The planting specification can be conditioned.

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