

Ecology response for H/24/97283 HOUND CORNER FRUIT FARM, HAMBLE LANE, NETLEY ABBEY, SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 5FT

Proposed new entrance to site (amendment to approved application H/23/95895

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I have reviewed the existing and proposed elevations plan, the planning statement, and the ecology consultation response by Paul Howe (H/23/95895, 3/11/23).

In line with Paul's previous response,

Landscaping information for the proposed new hedge planting is required. The new planting should be comprised entirely of native species such as hawthorn and blackthorn. After it is established, to maintain a continuous supply of flowers, fruits and seeds for wildlife the hedge should be pruned on a 3-year rotation, with only a third of the hedge pruned each year or pruning front, back and top separately in successive years.

To protect nesting birds any vegetation removal can only be carried out between September and February (inclusive). If this is not possible then the existing hedgerow must be checked for nesting birds by a suitably qualified ecologist. If any active nests are found, all work must stop, and a 5 m buffer be put into place to protect the nest from disturbance until after the chicks have fledged and left the nest.

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