

Ecology response 5 12 24 for F/24/96981 ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH, ST JOHNS ROAD, HEDGE END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 4AF

To level the land with infill and erect an 8m x 12m stretched polycotton canvas canopy.

Gary Osmond

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The Biodiversity Gain Plan states that there will be a 22.4% increase in area habitat biodiversity units, that the trading summary is satisfied.

I have re-read the condition assessment and metric and can see that the grassland is currently in poor condition, not good condition. I had been mistaken. Please provide specific information on how the grassland and the pond are proposed to be enhanced to target conditions to achieve this increase. No details have been provided other than that the grassland is proposed to change from poor to moderate condition in 10 years and the pond is proposed to change from poor to moderate condition in 4 years on the On-site Habitat Enhancement tab.

The enhancement information in the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal was:

*Control and removal of three-cornered garlic.* Specific and realistic details are required of how this can be achieved.

- *The provision of new bird nesting opportunities in the form of two bird boxes comprising a mix of hole and open fronted nest boxes. These will be installed on the surrounding trees on site.*
- *The provision of bat boxes. Two boxes installed as high as possible, at least 3m above ground, in sheltered positions on the south-eastern and south-western faces of the church or on the surrounding trees would be appropriate.*
- *The planting of native tree species around the perimeter of the nearby woodland. Appropriate species would include, hazel, hawthorn, blackthorn, dog rose (as long as it can be well managed).*
- *If the pond is to be removed it should be replaced either elsewhere on site or in the same location.*

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