

Ecology response 17 12 24 for F/23/96629 Land at Fieldfare Road, adjacent to the roundabout with Winchester Road.,

Erection of 70-bed C2 Care Home incorporating an ancillary Community Hub with new vehicular access to White Stork Road (AMENDED DESCRIPTION)

Additional Notes: Please can you comment on the additional ecology report rec/d 16.12.24, which was submitted in response to your last consultation response. The soft landscape plan was also amended.

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17/12/24

The amended soft landscape plan shows proposed meadow mix (EM4 for clay soils) has been extended to fill most of the grassland areas as required by the biodiversity net gain calculations. A border of flowering lawn mixture has been planned around the pathways and in a wider area at the southern boundary. The proposed bulb mix has been removed in the latest plan. This version of the soft landscaping plan matches the post development map shown in the BNG and Biodiversity Enhancements letter from Ecosupport (still dated 16 October 2024) more closely than the previous version. There are no domestic fruit trees shown on the soft landscaping specification but there are native shrubs and trees which produce fruits that are edible for wildlife, so this is not an issue.

The Enhancement Plan within the BNG and Biodiversity Enhancements letter has been changed (now dated 10/12/24) to show the bat bricks on southern elevations and the swift bricks on northern elevations.

On page 8 ancient woodland is mentioned in the section under Insect Hotels. This is likely to be a cut and paste error, but as there is no ancient woodland on site, this should be removed.

In the Proposed Created Habitats section under Species Rich Grassland (page 10), it is not clear which meadow mixture is being proposed EM4 for Clay Soils or EM6 for Chalk and Limestone Soils. Soil testing must be done in all meadow mixture areas of the site before planting to determine which mixture will be successful in this area. This can be conditioned. When the soil type is determined, this information can be updated on the soft landscape plan can be updated.

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