

Ecology response for DC/25/99315 Land West of Allbrook Way, Knowle Hill, Eastleigh, SO50 4LZ

Application for discharge of Conditions 8 (cycle storage) and 10 (boardwalk details) of reserved matters permission ref. RM/24/98388

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Condition 8 Cycle storage

Whilst the size and style of shed is suitable for the storage of two regular bicycles, it is too small for adaptive tricycles, mobility scooters or cargo bikes. A larger shed should be provided for the wheelchair accessible bungalows and for houses that could accommodate families with children who would be expected to have bicycle trailers or cargo bikes that could carry children, and additional children's bikes as they get older. The shed doorways should be double rather than single doors to allow wider bikes and mobility scooters to get in and out more easily.

Condition 10 Boardwalk

I don't have concerns about the integrity of timber effect recycled plastic for use in a boardwalk, but I do have concerns about it being slippery when wet. This might increase as it wears down over time. Rather than timber effect, I would want to see decking style planks on the walking surface. These have grooves which would provide more traction and conduct water away from the surface. A handrail and kicker/toe boards at the base are also important. A 50 mm upstand at the edges has been specified, but this seems quite small. I would prefer an upstand of 100 mm for increased safety for users of power mobility or wheelchairs. A handrail of 1100 mm should also be included on this boardwalk. Please consult Landscape for a second opinion on this.

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