

Ecology response for F/25/99088 HAMBLE COMMUNITY SPORTS COLLEGE, SATCHELL LANE,  
HAMBLE-LE-RICE, SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 4NE

Single storey modular nursery building

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There are records of bats, slow worms, hedgehogs and notable invertebrates near this site.

I raise an objection to this application due to a lack of ecological information and explanations. The items listed on the local validation list (6, 7, 8) must be submitted. A small sites metric submitted with no other documentation is not acceptable.

A small sites metric has been completed by qualified ecologists Laura Hardy and John Poland but no additional supporting documents have been submitted. The metric does not contain any errors and shows a net gain of 23.37% in area habitats, which is acceptable. The metric states that a walkover was completed by a qualified ecologist, however there was no survey report, no list or explanation of the habitats on site, no habitat map or discussion of the habitat potential for protected species, only labelled photos in the metric. As far as I can determine, the metric implies that one tree in moderate condition is proposed to be planted to provide this net gain, but there is no explanation, no discussion of potential tree species or the proposed location of this tree.

The Arboricultural Method Statement by Arbor-Eco Consultancy has recommended works to at least 4 trees including removal of dead wood. Before determination, these trees must be inspected by a suitably qualified ecologist to determine whether they contain any potential bat roost features or suitability for use by nesting birds.

Surface water drainage information is also required.

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