

Ecology response for H/25/99241 BROADOAK STABLES, MORTIMERS LANE, FAIR OAK, EASTLEIGH, SO50 7EA

Proposed vehicular access from Mortimers Lane for Existing Bungalow at Broad Oak Stables

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I raise an objection on the grounds that the proposed access would require removal of a section of hedgerow habitat and result in a net loss of biodiversity.

This hedgerow is shown on HBIC hedgerow layer and is connected to other hedgerows which connect with Park Hills Wood SINC (1A), Tippers Copse SINC(1A), Gore Copse SINC (1A), Stroud Wood, Fair Oak and Horton Heath SINC (1A/1B) and Hall Lands Copse SINC (1A). These are all designated as containing ancient woodland. The hedgerow has the potential to provide habitat for nesting birds, dormice and other animals and as a foraging resource for bats. There are records of badgers and bats in this area with records of dormice in the wider area.

This objection could be overcome by the creation of additional hedgerows and filling in gaps in existing hedgerows to provide connectivity for animals moving around the site and between the SINC's. Additional hedgerow creation would provide some biodiversity net gain also. A precautionary working method to protect badgers, nesting birds and dormice would be required.

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