Ecology response for X/25/99432 UNIT H, GEORGE CURL WAY, EASTLEIGH, SO18 2RX

Variation of Condition 1 (approved plans) of application F/24/97188 (Creation of headquarters for Hampshire Isle of Wight Air Ambulance (HIOWAA) and other healthcare services to include offices; the creation of a helipad; change of use and minor alterations to existing building to form a mixed use comprising B2, B8, E(e) and E(g); and other associated works.) approved on 30th July 2024. The proposed changes are to the fenestration to the rear elevation.

Gregg Chapman

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Comparison of the approved and proposed elevations plans show that cladding and the roller door are proposed to be replaced due to modifications to the façade and the windows. Cladding, hanger door and roller door replacement was not assessed in the original application and there are records of bats nearby. An assessment for bat roost potential by a suitably qualified ecologist is required to determine whether there are any potential bat roost features which would be affected by the proposed changes. I am happy to do a preliminary review of close-up photos of the area above the hanger door, above the roller doors and the areas of cladding proposed to be replaced, but this might result in further delays.

The proposed amendment to condition 3 involves changing the submission of a LEMP from before the start of development to before occupation. The reasons given by the planning agent were to avoid delays to the commencement of development and that *design work to satisfy the 'planting' condition is likely to be changed again over the next 9 months prior to implementation*. The applicant should be aware that the planting plan was developed to meet biodiversity net gain requirements, and that any proposed changes will need to be assessed against the original BNG assessment.

As long as the existing plantings are maintained in good condition and protected during construction, I have no objection to the proposed amendments to condition 3.

The proposed changes to conditions 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15 and 20 are acceptable.

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Ecologist