

Ecology response 1 9 25 for F/24/98678 Land East of Chickenhall Lane, Eastleigh, SO50 6AF

Construction of a 70-bed care home (Use Class C2), with associated parking, landscaping, access, drainage, and other associated works following demolition of existing structures.

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I have reviewed the latest copy of the BNG metric (12538 Statutory Metric Rev B June 2025.xlsm) using Mycelia. There are now no metric errors, and the trading rules have been satisfied.

The metric now matches the information provided in the Ecological Impact Appraisal by FPCR (rev C, June 2025). If these proposals were put into place there would be a combined biodiversity net gain of 31.41% in area habitats (off site), 123.78% in hedgerow habitats (on site) and 16.62% in watercourse habitat (off site).

If this application is permitted, significant habitats must be monitored and secured for 30 years. Significant habitats are defined by EBC as:

- All on-site creation and retention of habitats of medium or higher distinctiveness (as defined by the statutory metric).
- Any on-site enhancement where:
 - The resulting habitat has medium or higher distinctiveness
 - The habitat's condition or distinctiveness is increasing
- All off-site habitats

The next steps would include LPA approval of a draft Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan (HMMP, using the national template) and an S106 agreement to secure a monitoring fee.

Further information is available in the Biodiversity Planning Guidance Note which can be accessed from the Eastleigh Borough Council webpage [Ecology and Biodiversity Net Gain for Planning Applications](#).

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