

Ecology response 3 11 25 for F/25/99584 Land North of PEAR TREE COTTAGE, BOTLEY ROAD, HORTON HEATH, EASTLEIGH, SO50 7DT

Erection of 1no. 4-bedroom detached dwelling and detached garage with new vehicular access from Botley Road

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I have reviewed the Landscape Plan and Landscape Management Plan by The Landscape Service (October 2025).

Unfortunately, these documents do not address most of the issues highlighted in the ecology response of 15/7/25. From that response:

The following information is required before determination:

The woodland adjacent to this site must be checked for the presence of ponds and badgers.

An updated Statutory metric using the February 2024 pre-clearance baseline data (available in the metric submitted for F/24/96914)

A completed EBC Biodiversity Net Gain Strategy Form available at [Ecology and Biodiversity Net Gain for Planning Applications](#) along with the required documents listed at the beginning of the form.

If this application is permitted, the following information can be conditioned:

A CEMP including precautionary methods to avoid harm to wildlife

A specific precautionary clearance method statement for reptiles and great crested newts

A biodiversity enhancements /landscape environmental management plan including the locations of bat and bird boxes, and hedgehog holes in fences

Evidence of purchase of biodiversity units

The landscape plan needs to demonstrate that it addresses at least some of the issues highlighted by the apparent loss of biodiversity and should be submitted along with the biodiversity metric. However, this landscape plan does provide vegetation around most of the perimeter of the site and a range of flowering and fruiting plants as previously recommended. Would it be possible to use climbing plants to cover the gaps along the western boundary fence and the area behind the bin store?

Hedgehog holes (13 x 13 cm minimum) must be shown in the bases of any close board fence to allow free passage of hedgehogs through the gardens.

The Landscape Management Plan must include that any flowering and fruiting shrubs, hedges and trees must be maintained for the benefit of wildlife. This means that after establishment, pruning must be done after flowering and fruiting and no more than 1/3 of

the plant should be pruned each year to ensure that a supply of fruits and seeds remain available for wildlife through the winter.

A surface water drainage plan is still required.

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