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**Subject:** RE: 25/0589 - land to rear of Byeways, Langstone

Hi Vicky,

I have considered the Ecological Appraisal dated 11/07/25 submitted in support of this application, and I agree with the methodology and conclusions of that appraisal.

A series of mitigation and enhancement measures are set out in Section 5 - Mitigation and Enhancement Strategy. In general I support the measures proposed, and their implementation should be ensured by planning condition.

My only disagreement with the enhancement measure is that only three bird nesting boxes are proposed. Plots 1 to 6 all have north-facing gable ends which are ideal locations for integrated bird nest boxes such as Swift Bricks. Remaining buildings should have potential for integrated bat roosting boxes. The applicant's ecologist can advise on the make and model and suitable positioning of these features. Bat / bird boxes such as these are readily available commercially, are inexpensive, and can be tailored to the style and colour of the finish of the buildings. Features which are integrated into the buildings rather than attached to the outside are preferable as they are more secure in the long-term and less prone to interference by the public.

Therefore if consent is granted we should use a planning condition to secure the submission and implementation of a biodiversity enhancement plan which should include an increased provision of bat and bird boxes.

I have no concerns over the Landscape Specification & Management Plan (Rev B), and the native planting which it includes should also contribute to enhancement of biodiversity on site.

The Green Infrastructure Statement is adequate, and it sets out how the step-wise approach has been correctly applied to this development.

Matt