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Dear Savannah,

**RE: DC/23/1157/FUL | Planning application - (a) three dwellings (b) visitor parking (c) boundary treatments (d) new section of public footpath (f) relocation of streetlight | Land At Rose Bank Burton End Haverhill Suffolk**

Thank you for sending us details of this application, we have the following comments:

We have read the documentation supporting the application and note that no ecological considerations are given. However, a previous application considered potential ecological impacts and noted a very low chance of significant ecological impacts and therefore we do not think an updated survey is essential to support the application.

However, three notable considerations should be put forward as suitably worded conditions, should permission be granted. These are:

- Clearance of trees and any other habitat of potential use by nesting birds should be undertaken between September and February, outside of the nesting season, or during the nesting season (March to August) following a suitable check by an ecologist to confirm that no nests are present.
- Any small mammals, reptiles, or amphibians, disturbed during clearance will be safely moved to the site boundary or allowed to flee of their own volition. If any hedgehogs appear injured or are disturbed during hibernation, then such individuals will be taken into care via the RSPCA or local hedgehog rescue centre.
- Suitable consideration for Biodiversity Enhancement will be put forward. This is required as per National Planning Policy. For a development such as this, enhancements could include bat and bird boxes integrated into buildings, invertebrate boxes, and native or pollinator friendly planting including hedgerows, trees, and fruit trees may all be suitable. Bird boxes should be installed as per guidance within BS 42021:2022 when integrated into buildings.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require anything further.

Yours sincerely

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