1ST HORIZON

Our Ref: 8607-R13 **Date**: 28 October 2026

Haslar IRC, Phase II – Ecology Further Response

The following provides an Ecology Further Response in support of the proposals at Haslar IRC, Phase II, Dolphin Way, Haslar, Hampshire PO12 2AW.

This is additional to the Ecology Proof of Evidence (dated 20th October 2026) in support of application 26/00216/CROWN, and follows receipt of Gosport Borough Council (GBC) Proof of Evidence from [redacted] (both dated 20th October 2026).

Points Raised

[redacted] Head of Development Management GBC)

It is our understanding that points relating to ecology and biodiversity which are agreed, include:

- Shadow Habitats Regulations Assessment and Appropriate Assessment, with provision of Stubbington Land as Solent Wader Brent Goose Strategy (SWBGS), subject to agreement by Natural England.
- Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) Design Stage Report, subject to condition and delivery of offsite units, and additional features in accordance with Policy LP41.
- Common reptile, agree that there is potential for an alternative mitigation strategy to be put in place, subject to condition.

  The aforementioned require no further explanation or action at this time, and will be secured through appropriately worded planning conditions.

The following concerns relating to ecology and biodiversity remain:

- No Bat Activity surveys, introduction of additional lighting, and lack of appropriate mitigation strategy.

[redacted] (Principal Conservation and Design Officer GBC)

No points relating to ecology or biodiversity have been raised.

Response to Remaining Concerns

The remaining concerns: No bat activity surveys, introduction of additional lighting, and lack of appropriate mitigation strategy. As detailed in the Ecology Proof of Evidence (dated 20th October 2026), the following addresses this remaining matter:

- Addendum letter to be provided detailing additional bat activity survey findings from August to October 2026, and to explain why mitigation would be proportionate and justified in accordance

with BS42020:2013 (following HCC discussion), with push to condition update Spring/Summer 2027 surveys if absolutely necessary (rather than sit on determination until surveys are completed).

- Sensitive lighting strategy will be incorporated to avoid light spill onto surrounding habitats (additional information to be provided as part of reserved matters application, with appointment of specialist lighting consultant as necessary).
- Retention of identified Green Infrastructure features, particularly along the southern boundary, and western edge of the site.

I trust that this addresses all matters, and that there are no further concerns relating to ecology or biodiversity.

Yours sincerely

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