



ECOLOGICAL ADVICE SERVICE

TO: *Isabelle Hills*

FROM: *Luke Wallace*

DATE: *02 July 2020*

SUBJECT: *20/0502/FH / 34 Woodcock Gardens, Hawkinge*

The following is provided by Kent County Council's Ecological Advice Service (EAS) for Local Planning Authorities. It is independent, professional advice and is not a comment/position on the application from the County Council. It is intended to advise the relevant planning officer(s) on the potential ecological impacts of the planning application; and whether sufficient and appropriate ecological information has been provided to assist in its determination. Any additional information, queries or comments on this advice that the applicant or other interested parties may have must be directed in every instance to the Planning Officer, who will seek input from the EAS where appropriate and necessary.

No ecological information has been submitted with this application. As a result of reviewing the data we have available to us (including aerial photos and biological records) and the information submitted with the planning application, we advise that the proposed development has limited potential to result in significant ecological impacts. If outline planning permission is granted, we advise that a breeding informative and ecological enhancement condition are attached.

Breeding Bird Informative:

The applicant is reminded that, under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, as amended (section 1), it is an offence to remove, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while that nest is in use or being built. Planning consent for a development does not provide a defence against prosecution under this Act. Trees and scrub are present on the application site and are assumed to contain nesting birds between 1st March and 31st August, unless a recent survey has been undertaken by a competent ecologist and has shown that nesting birds are not present.

Ecological Enhancement:

With the submission of the reserve matters application, details of how the development will enhance biodiversity will be submitted to, and approved in writing by, the local planning authority. The approved details will be implemented and thereafter retained.

If you have any queries regarding our comments, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Luke Wallace
Biodiversity Officer