



ECOLOGICAL ADVICE SERVICE

TO: *Katy Claw*

FROM: *Helen Forster*

DATE: *20th December 2016*

SUBJECT: *Land Adj Holme View Farm, Lydd Y16/1094/SH*

Thank you for requesting additional advice on this application from KCC's Ecological Advice Service. This service provides advice to planning officers to inform Ashford Borough Council planning decisions with regard to the potential ecological impacts. Any additional information, queries or comments on this advice that the applicant or other interested parties may have must be directed to the Planning Officer who will seek further advice from us where appropriate and necessary.

The planning application is for the temporary use of the site for porta-cabins and associated car parking.

An ecological scoping survey and a reptile survey have been submitted to inform the planning application and while we are generally satisfied with the results of the ecological survey we advise that additional information is required prior to determination of the planning application.

The submitted surveys have detailed the following:

- Suitable breeding bird habitat within the site
- 10 bird species recorded within the site (including Linnet)
- Badger Sett – known to be used for breeding and likely to be a main sett
- Breeding population of Lizards

From reviewing the submitted site plans and the map demonstrating the location of the area of suitable reptile habitat we are satisfied that it is unlikely that the development will directly impact the reptile population.

However we have concerns that the proposed development will have a negative impact on breeding birds and the badger sett and no information has been provided clarifying what the

impact will be from this development and how the impact will be mitigated for. We advise that this information must be provided prior to determination of the planning application.

We are aware that the applicant has future plans for the whole of the site and we advise that any mitigation proposed for this development must not be proposed to be subsequent lost as a result of future planning applications.

If you have any queries regarding our comments, please contact me.

Helen Forster MCIEEM
Biodiversity Officer

This response was submitted following consideration of the following document(s):

Reptile survey; Martin Newcombe; October 2016

Ecological Scoping Survey; Martin Newcombe; August 2016