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Sent: 26 February 2025 12:28:54 UTC+00:00
To: "Hamish Evans" <Hamish.Evans@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: DM/25/0193 Gilridge Brighton Road Handcross RH17 6BZ

Hi Hamish,

Thank you for your email and taking the time to talk to me earlier.

I would be grateful if you could revert back to the Council Ecologist on this as the request for a bat survey to be carried out feels excessive given the context, some of which may not be apparent based upon the submitted information.

The site does have a current, valid consent granted last year that allows for the full demolition and clearance of the site and erection of 3 completely new dwellings so could be cleared now without the provision of any additional information. The buildings have however been retained for the time being as they are in continuous usage whilst this revised and reduced impact application is processed.

The County Ecologist mentions buildings B1, B2 & B3 as being partially removed or demolished.

Building B1 is the existing chalet bungalow that is being retained, the modifications involve adapting and removing single storey elements that have sealed, insulated / non-ventilated flat roofs with closed UPVC eaves so offer no opportunity for bat habitat. The only other element is the open carport which is the only route into and out of the garden and is under daily usage with vehicle and kids bike movements, the roof is completely open and in poor condition.



Carport / garden access B1

Building B2 is the family gym and the building is used throughout the week with music played and equipment used, some of the roof is in poor condition and has been protected with plastic sheeting.



The gym - B2



The plastic sheeted and temporary secured roof to part of the gym can be seen here behind the other kids playhouse and swingset.

Building B3 is a timber children's playhouse that backs onto the three lane section of the A23 (other side of fence) and was in regular usage until damaged at the brining of autumn when some temporary metal sheeting panels were fixed onto of the roof finish in an attempt to keep the weather out.



Spring 2024



Winter 2024

With the addition of this information I would hope that it would be sufficient to agree that further surveys should not be necessary in this instance.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Kind Regards

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On 26 Feb 2025, at 11:01, Hamish Evans <Hamish.Evans@midsussex.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Alex,

I hope all is well. Please find attached comments from the Council's Ecologists. They have raised a holding objection as they have requested additional information. Please could you provide this information?

Thank you,
Kind regards,

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From: alex@lightboxarchitecture.com <alex@lightboxarchitecture.com>
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Dear Hamish,

Completed form attached as requested.

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On 20 Feb 2025, at 10:32, Hamish Evans
<Hamish.Evans@midsussex.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Alex,

Thank you for sorting out access to the site for later on today. Please could you fill in the attached BNG statement that should have been provided with the application?

Thank you,
Kind regards,

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Hi Hamish,

I have copied in the applicant to this email to reply to you directly as he is usually happy to leave side gate open for access, but he might be away at the moment for 1/2 term.

Kind Regards

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On 19 Feb 2025, at 11:19, Hamish Evans
<Hamish.Evans@midsussex.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Alex,

I hope all is well. I am looking to visit the above site tomorrow for a site visit. I should be able to visit the site at some point between 11am and 1pm, the visit should only take 10-15 minutes. Please could you confirm whether your clients can provide access?

Thank you,
Kind regards,

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