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By email only

Thank you for requesting advice on this application from Place Services' ecological advice service. This service provides advice to planning officers to inform Horsham District Council planning decisions with regard to potential ecological impacts from development. 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.

Dear Matthew

Application: **DC/24/0350**
Location: **New Barn School Rapkyns Care Village Guildford Road Broadbridge Heath West Sussex RH12 3PQ**
Proposal: **Continued use of previously approved 5 no. temporary pre-fabricated buildings for a further temporary period of 3 years (DC/21/0686 and DC/22/1200), and relocation of 1 of the temporary buildings to better facilitate the construction of the permanent buildings.**

Thank you for consulting Place Services on the above application.

a) No ecological harm/No objection	Yes
b) Requires further information	
c) Recommend grant permission subject to conditions	
d) Recommend refusal	
e) Subject to Natural England's formal comments on the conclusion of the Water Neutrality Appropriate Assessment	Yes
f) Subject to Natural England's formal comments on the conclusion of the Bat Appropriate Assessment	Yes
g) Discharge of condition	

Please note that following receipt of Natural England's position statement on developments in the Sussex North Water Supply Zone, decisions on planning applications should await the completion of a Sussex North water neutrality strategy unless they can demonstrate water neutrality.

Summary
We have reviewed the documents supplied by the applicant, including the Application Form (March 2024) and the Existing Location Plan Drawing Number 1960_002 Rev A (Lytle Associates, January 2024). As no trees or hedges will be impacted by the development (Application Form (March 2024), we do not consider that this application will have any additional impacts on ecology, other than those identified for the previous consented application DC/21/0686.

We note that the ecology conditions attached to the decision notice for DC/22/1200 have already been discharged under DC/21/0686, so there is no requirement to attach these to any new consent.

Please note that we no longer provide comments on Great Crested Newt as we have been been instructed to leave comments on this European Protected Species to the NatureSpace Partnership.

Please contact us with any queries.

Yours sincerely

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