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Sent on behalf of Rebecca Coneybeer

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Dear Clare,

I have conducted a desk-top study of Emsworth Infant School and the surrounding area to assess any potential for ecological importance that may be impacted by the proposed extension to the east of the school for two new classrooms.

The proposed extension will be built from the eastern elevation of the school building over an existing area of hardstanding with wooden benches. Two trees are situated at northern and southern ends of the proposed site; a small area of shrubs on a raised bed is located adjacent to the tree at the southern end. These trees and shrubs are likely to be removed to make way for the new classrooms, however I do not believe the trees or shrubs offer any potential for roosting bats or nesting birds due to the size of the trees and their location on the playground.

Several photos of the site have been provided of the existing school building. The school appears to be constructed of a combination of brick wall, what appears to be plastic boarding, and flat felted roofs. The building appears to be in good condition, which indicates to me a limited potential for roosting bats.

The database of protected and notable habitats and species show no records within any distance of the school where there may be likely potential impacts.

Overall, the potential impact of the proposals on roosting bats, nesting birds, and other protected or notable species is low, and therefore I do not believe a preliminary survey is required to inform the planning application.

If you need to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact Megan Owen.

Many thanks,
Rebecca

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