

MEMORANDUM

From:	Louise Aparo Ecology Officer		
Service	WBC Ecology	App No:	261405
Address:	Spencers Wood Pavilion, Clares Green Road, Spencers Wood, Wokingham, RG7 1DY.		
Proposal:	Full application for the proposed installation of a ground-based construction to form a youth shelter to provide a safe, designated space for young people to meet and socialise.		
Type of Development:	Minor All other developments		
Site Visit Made:	Yes/No		

Summary Of Recommendations

- ☐ No comment
☒ No objection
☐ No objection subject to conditions (and reasons) **stated below**
☐ Request further information before determination as **stated below**
☐ Objection due to the reason(s) **stated below**

Comments On Proposal

There have been no ecology reports submitted for this proposal. However, the application form indicates that this proposal is exempt from the mandatory biodiversity net gain under the exemption 'self-build'. This development is exempt from biodiversity net gain but under the 'de-minimis rule', not self-build. The de-minimis rule is when a development removes/impacts less than 25m² of habitat. This proposed development is to take place on already existing hardstanding, as such no habitat is to be impacted and de-minimis rule is met.

With regards to protected and priority species, this proposed development is on hardstanding within a regularly managed recreational ground, the construction of this development is unlikely to impact any priority or protected species. The site does fall within potential suitable habitat for roosting and foraging bats; nevertheless, this development will not impact roosting, commuting or foraging habitat.

As this development does not impact protected or priority species and habitat, it complies with CP7 Biodiversity of the Core Strategy, as such ecology has no objection.

Conditions & Reasons (if required)

N/A

Date:	28/07/26	Signed:	L.Aparo
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