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Your ref: 3/2012/0797
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Date: October 19th 2012

Dear Colin,

Ecological comments

Application: 3/2012/00797

Proposals: Proposed Static Caravan/Lodge Park

Location: Land at Southport House Sawley Lancashire BB7 4ND

Thank you for your consultation in respect of the above planning application.

The application area appears to be of relatively low biodiversity value, and significant impacts on protected or priority species or habitat therefore seem reasonably unlikely.

The applicant will need to be aware of the legislative protection afforded to nesting birds by the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), and any works that would disturb nesting birds must be avoided until nesting is complete (the young have fledged and left the nest and the nest has been abandoned). Therefore, works that would affect potential nesting habitat should be avoided during the bird nesting season (March to August inclusive), unless the absence of nesting birds has been confirmed. The ecology report indicates that no nesting bird habitat would be removed so in this case this could perhaps form the basis of a planning informative.

The proposals offer the opportunity to enhance site boundaries, and I note the plans indicate that trees would be planted. It should be ensured that all hedgerow and tree planting comprises native species appropriate to the local area only.

I hope these comments are helpful.

Yours sincerely,
Sarah

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