



ECOLOGICAL ADVICE SERVICE

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SUBJECT: Land Btw 26 & 30, Gravesend 20240929

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Any additional information, queries or comments on this advice that the applicant or other interested parties may have must be directed in every instance to the planning officer, who will seek input from the EAS where appropriate and necessary.

This is a retrospective planning application and therefore we have considered if we would have requested ecological information prior to works commencing on site.

A review of images on google earth and google street view indicate that the footprint of the containers was previously supported areas of unmanaged vegetation which could have supported protected species. Due to the size of the area it is unlikely that we would have recommended that an ecological survey was required but instead advised that a precautionary mitigation approach was implemented to clear any vegetation. This would have minimised the risk of protected/notable species being impacted by the works.

As the works have already been carried out we accept that no ecology information is required as part of this submission.

If you have any queries regarding our comments, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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Biodiversity Officer

This response was submitted following consideration of the following documents:

- Proposed site plan;

- Existing site plan