

Ecology Report

To give you some background to my views here; I have worked quite extensively in the Haverigg area, on a national infrastructure project conducting landscape scale protected species and habitat surveys, on the King Charles III England Coastal Path and completing habitat management for the Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Trust. I'm therefore familiar with the area.

I have just had a quick check back through data and documents I hold (including the 'Natterjack Toad Site Register for the UK 1970-2009 Inclusive' which is a confidential and unpublished document, internal Hesketh Ecology records and survey data and previous Cumbria Biodiversity Data Centre searches we have commissioned).

Based on my knowledge of the area, a desk based review of existing information and the details you have sent, **it is my view that no ecological survey of the site is necessary to be confident that protected species and / or habitats will be unaffected by the proposed works.**

I note that the poly-tunnel will be built entirely on un-vegetated bound macadam / hardstanding surface. Vehicular access to the site will be via existing roads / tracks. The development will therefore not involve the loss of any habitat nor impacts to any feature likely to be used by protected or priority species. The operation of facility will not involve any additional lighting and will therefore present no risk of disturbance to bats etc.

Based on this I don't think there is any value to conducting a site visit, nor any focused ecological survey. I trust this email alone will suffice to support your planning application and wish you all the best with the project.

Regards

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