



Location:

Whitehill & Bordon, East Hampshire

Client:

Hampshire County Council (HCC)

Date:

From 2015

Specialist teams:

- Hampshire Services Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) team
- Hampshire Services Ecology, Landscape and Archaeology teams and Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre
- Hampshire Services Legal
- Hampshire Services Engineering Consultancy (design, geotechnical and construction)

In July 2011, the MOD confirmed that the Bordon Garrison site would be released for disposal, following the relocation of its training services to a new facility in Wiltshire. The land was allocated in East Hampshire District Council's Joint Core Strategy (2014) as a strategic site for new homes, retail and commercial floor space. A hybrid planning application was approved in 2015 for a major mixed use residential led redevelopment scheme on a 200 hectare site at Whitehill and Bordon.

The proposals included a 5.5km Relief Road, to be built by Hampshire County Council (HCC), which will provide access to the development and help relieve congestion on the A325. Due to the scale and sensitivity of the proposed development, an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) was carried out to assess the potentially significant environmental effects of the proposed scheme.

Hampshire Services' EIA team was commissioned to manage the production and submission of detailed environmental schemes required by the planning consent for the Relief Road, which will implement some of the mitigation measures identified by the EIA. This central role involves co-ordinating the work of engineers, and internal and external environmental specialists across a range of technical areas, including landscape, noise, ecology, and contaminated land, to ensure the conditions are met and signed off within the given timescales. An essential part of this is the development of Construction Traffic and Construction Environmental Management Plans.

The team's expert understanding of technical and regulatory requirements, and excellent relationships with key stakeholders, are helping to secure the implementation of these environmental measures and ensure the project proceeds on schedule.

Key benefits:

- Hampshire Services' EIA team are co-ordinating a consistent approach across the disciplines, ensuring relevant conditions are discharged within timescales
- All groups involved in the scheme, both public and private, have a point of contact for environmental matters
- The team is providing expert environmental knowledge, advice and feedback during the design process, with access to high quality data and excellent knowledge of the local environment and associated constraints.

