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Dear Jacqui,

Application: Section 62a designation - Demolition of existing four bedroom house and outbuildings, construction of replacement four bedroom house and double garage.

Address: 1 Wheatfield Road Harpenden Hertfordshire AL5 2NY

Application No: [5/2024/1062](#)

ECOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS

Thank you for consulting this office on the above application.

Overall Recommendation

- Application can be determined with no ecological objections (with any Informatives/Conditions advised below).

Summary of Advice

- A **bat license** from Natural England will be required prior to works commencing.

Supporting documents

I have made use of the following documents in providing this advice:

- Emergence and Activity Bat Survey (EBS) by Cherryfield Ecology (7 June 2024).

Comments

The above report details how the proposed demolition of the building will result in the loss of a bat roost. Works must therefore take place under the conditions of a bat license from Natural England. With this information in place, I consider the LPA has sufficient information to fully consider bats and apply and satisfy the Conservation of

Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) prior to determination. I advise an Informative should be attached to any permission to the effect that:

“A bat licence from Natural England is required to deliver this development. It will be a criminal offence if works proceed without a bat licence. It will also be a criminal offence if the terms of conditions of the bat licence, including in particular the mitigation and compensation requirements under the licence (which may require certain measures to be delivered before the development works start), are not adhered to.”

I trust these comments are of assistance,

Kind regards,

Sophie Batchelor
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