

# HERTFORDSHIRE BIOLOGICAL RECORDS CENTRE

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Mr M. Peacock  
Planning Officer  
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Plask for :- G Goodall  
Our Ref :-  
Your Ref :- S6/2011/2817/FP  
Tel :- 01992 556155

Date :- 02/02/2012

Dear Mr Peacock

**Planning Application: S6/2011/2817/FP; 1 The Cottages, Shepherds Way, Brookmans Park.**

**Erection of two storey side extension, alterations to windows and doors; insertion of velux windows.**

### **1. HBRC database.**

HBRC do not have any specific biological data for the above property.

### **2. Bats the Law and Planning Process.**

Bats are protected under both European and national legislation and are a material consideration in the determination of a planning application, that if implemented would be likely to result in harm to the species.

We take the view that it is unlikely that bats would choose to roost in the existing dwelling. Therefore, we consider it would be unreasonable for the LPA to require a bat assessment survey to be submitted in support of this application.

### **3. Recommendations.**

We recommend that a precautionary approach is taken to the planned works.

Development should proceed with caution. In the event of bats being found, work must stop immediately and ecological advice taken on how to proceed lawfully.

Yours sincerely,

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