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Dear Mr Jefcoate,

**Planning application: S6/2013/1087/FP. Essendon Country Club, Demolition of farm cottages (2 dwellings) adjacent to club house and barn adjacent to Pulham house. Erection of detached house with double garage adjacent to Pulham house on existing barn site within.**

Thank you for consulting HBRC on the above application. We have no comments to make on the bat method statement produced by ELMAW Consulting, which was submitted to Natural England (NE) as part of the EPS licensing procedure. A license has been granted by NE which allows the demolition of the building containing the bat roost.

**We advise that the bat method statement is conditioned.**

As the demolition is due to be undertaken during June we also advise that the cottages are inspected by an ecologist for nesting birds immediately prior to demolition. Demolition will have to be delayed if nesting birds are found.

Should you require any further information or advice, please do not hesitate to contact HBRC.

Yours sincerely,

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