

# HERTFORDSHIRE BIOLOGICAL RECORDS CENTRE

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Dear Mr Peacock,

**Planning application: S6/2013/1748/FP. The Cottages, 1 Shepherds Way. Erection of two storey side extension, installation of velux windows to existing single storey rear extension.**

Thank you for consulting HBRC on the above application. We have the following comments to make.

## **1. HBRC database and ecological evaluation**

The HBRC database does not hold any biological records (habitats or species) for the proposal site though we do have records for common frog and grass snake from the large pond to the north of Shepherds Way. The proposed development involves the construction of a two storey side extension attached to the main building, which does not impact the roof or loft space of that building, so will not impact protected species such as bats.

From the Planning Statement it would appear that the applicant is proposing the demolition of several of the outbuildings within the property. From the photographs supplied none of the outbuildings to be demolished look favourable to bats as roost sites.

## **2. Conclusion**

We conclude that there are no known ecological constraints regarding the proposed development. Therefore, the application can be determined accordingly.

We trust these comments are of assistance in determining this application and should you require any further information or advice, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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