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Dear Antoine

Application: Erection of dwelling following demolition of existing dwelling
Address: 44 The Ridgeway Cuffley Potters Bar EN6 4BA
Application No: 6/2019/2428/FULL

Thank you for consulting Hertfordshire Ecology on the above, for which I have the following comments:

The application site is adjacent to Home wood Local Wildlife Site, which would provide foraging opportunities for bats. However, there are no known records of roosts nearby. The attached floor plans show the second floor occupies the existing roof space.

Hertfordshire Environmental Records Centre does not have any existing habitat or species data for this site. Based on the lack of associated records and apparent characteristics of the building, on this occasion I do not consider there is sufficient likelihood of bats being present and affected for the LPA to require a formal survey. However, in the unlikely event that bats are found, given the proposal will involve demolition, I advise a precautionary approach to the works is taken and recommend the following **Informative** is added to any permission granted.

"If bats, or evidence for them, are discovered during the course of roof works, work must stop immediately and advice sought on how to proceed lawfully from an appropriately qualified and experienced Ecologist or Natural England, to avoid an offence being committed.

I do not consider there to be any other ecological issues with this proposal.

I trust these comments are of assistance,

Yours sincerely

Simon Richards
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