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Dear Kerrie,

Application: Extension to existing dormer.
Address: 55 The Ridgeway Cuffley Potters Bar EN6 4BD.
Application No: [6/2023/1261/HOUSE](#)

ECOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS

Thank you for consulting this office on the above application.

Overall Recommendation:

- Application can be determined accordingly.

Summary of Advice:

- I do not believe there are any ecological constraints; the application can be determined accordingly.
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Comments:

Due to the lack of 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 prior to determination. However, in the unlikely event that bats are found, given the property is close to areas of ancient woodland and there are records of bats in the area, 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 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 trust these comments are of assistance,

Regards,

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