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Site	Comet Hotel, Comet Way, Hatfield, Hertfordshire
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This note should serve as an addendum to the Extended Phase 1 Habitat Survey¹ conducted at the site in July 2015 as it directly addresses key recommendations made within the report namely section 5.11 and 5.13.

Section 5.11 identifies T3 as having moderate potential as a bat roosting feature. No field signs of bats were identified during this visit but further inspection was recommended if a significant period of time elapsed. On the 23.09.15 during dry sunny conditions, two surveyors aerially inspected the potential feature using endoscope and powerful torches. No field signs as to the presence of roosting bats were identified and features were then immediately filled within expandable foam to prevent them being utilised in the future. In addition the entrance hole was tightly sealed using a rigid plastic cover. It should be noted that the hole was also inspected for the presence of birds and their nests, no active nests were identified with only an inactive broken nest recorded. This is to be expected as the inspection was undertaken outside of nesting bird season which is generally accepted to run through March – August. Suitably qualified ecologists Nathan Jenkinson and James Brushwood undertook the inspection and sealing of the identified roosting features.

Section 5.13 identifies a white poplar with bat roosting potential. The developer has confirmed that this tree will not suffer any direct impacts. This tree should be protected to British Industry standards (BS5387) to prevent accidental damage during the construction phase of the development.

Potential indirect impacts caused by artificial light pollution will also be avoided through the provision of bat sensitive lighting techniques. Lighting should be directed to avoid directly illuminating tree during both the construction and operational phase of the development. See Appendix 6 of the Extended Phase 1 Habitat survey for details of bat sensitive lighting techniques.

¹ Southern Ecological Solutions (2015) Extended Phase 1 Habitat Survey Comet Hotel Comet Way Hatfield Hertfordshire