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**Subject:** Wells Farm Northaw Road East Cuffley Potters Bar EN6 4RD, 6/2020/3451/MAJ, Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 14 dwellings

Dear Mark

The ecological constraints review that accompanies this application (BDM 11/11/2020) cannot be considered as valid ecological information. It does not conform with BS42020 or any CIEEM guidance on ecological report writing. Neither does it contain the identity or qualifications of the person who has undertaken the assessment. There is a reasonable likelihood that protected or priority species may be affected by this proposal. Therefore it is a requirement of ODPM circular 06/05 that an ecological survey is submitted. The report must establish what is there, how it will be affected by the proposals, and how any negative impacts on biodiversity can be avoided, mitigated or compensated so that a net gain in biodiversity is achieved – in accordance with NPPF. This report must be undertaken by a suitably qualified individual and conform with best practise survey standards.

The application cannot be decided until this information has been submitted and approved.

If you wish to discuss please get in touch.

Best wishes

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