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Subject: Woodlands Well Road Northaw Potters Bar EN6 4BN (6/2024/0122/PN27)

FAO: Syndsey Ballet

6/2024/0122/PN27

Class AA - Enlargement of a dwellinghouse by the construction of two additional storeys – Prior Approval

Woodlands, Well Road, Northaw, Potters Bar EN6 4BN

Dear Syndsey,

Thank you for your email of 5 February 2024 which refers, and for consulting Hertfordshire LEADS (Ecology).

The Hertfordshire Environmental Records Centre (HERC) does not have any existing habitat or species data for this site but given that considerable modifications to the building are proposed, potential impacts on bats should be a consideration; all bats are protected by law.

Given its setting, within established gardens and semi-natural habitats, and evidence of bats making use of similar properties nearby, I recommend that **prior to determination, the structure is subjected to a Preliminary Roost Assessment (PRA)** to identify the potential of the property to support roosting bats. If evidence is found, up to three 'activity' surveys will likely be required.

Whilst a PRA can be carried out at any time of year, activity surveys are restricted to the summer period, ideally from May until the end of August. Give these seasonal constraints I would urge the applicant to commission the PRA promptly.

Yours sincerely,

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