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Dear Louise,

Application Reference: 6/2021/2125/MAJ

Proposed development at: Hertfordshire Constabulary Stanborough Road Welwyn Garden City AL8 6XF

Proposal: Partial redevelopment of the Hertfordshire Constabulary Headquarters site

Additional comments on bats only

I am pleased to see the following bat report has now been submitted:

- *Bat Emergence Report, September 2021* prepared by AECOM.

Dusk emergence and dawn re-entry surveys were carried out on nine buildings (with low roosting potential) and one tree (with moderate suitability) in May-June 2021. Low activity of four species of bats were recorded flying (foraging/commuting) across the site, but no bats were recorded emerging from or re-entering the buildings or tree. As roosting is not confirmed, no further surveys or mitigation licence is required for this proposal.

I consider the LPA now has sufficient information on bats to satisfy the third test of the Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) and for determination.

The Recommendations in 5.4 of the report are reasonable and should be followed.

My previous comments on trees, nesting birds, invasive species and the need for a LEMP are still valid.

I trust these comments are of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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