

# HERTFORDSHIRE ECOLOGY

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Dear Mr Peacock

**LPA reference: 6/2017/0585/FULL**

**Proposal: Erection of a new 6m high Social Club building (975sq.m) with associated landscaping and works between the Law Court Building and Weston Auditorium**

**Location: University of Hertfordshire De Havilland Campus Hatfield AL10 9UF**

Thank you for consulting Hertfordshire Ecology on this application, and I apologise for the delay in our response.

Hertfordshire Ecology has no biological records (species or habitats) for the application site itself. The site is an isolated section of amenity grassland in the centre of the Hertfordshire University campus. The surrounding buildings are all of modern design and construction.

My only concern for this project is the removal of trees from site prior to development. There are many bird records from within a 1 km radius and it is likely that some of the trees on site may be used by breeding birds. Therefore I would advise that the following condition be placed on any planning decision.

*No removal of hedgerows, trees or shrubs, ivy and other climbing or works to or demolition of buildings or structures that may be used by breeding birds shall take place between 1st March and the 31st August inclusive, unless a competent ecologist has undertaken a careful, detailed check of vegetation for active birds' nests immediately before the vegetation is cleared and provided written confirmation that no birds will be harmed and/or that there are appropriate measures in place to protect nesting bird interest on site. Any such written confirmation should be submitted to the local planning authority.*

I trust these comments are of assistance.

Regards,

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