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Dear Mrs S Smith,

Application Reference: 6/2017/1998/HOUSE

**Proposed development at: Warrenwood Manor Hornbeam Lane Brookmans Park
Hatfield AL9 6JF**

Proposal: Erection of single storey extension at basement level

Thank you for consulting Hertfordshire Ecology on the above.

The Hertfordshire Environmental Records Centre does not have any species or habitat data for the application site, which is a relatively recent building (not present on year 2000 aerial photos, but present on 2010 aeriels). The site lies adjacent to Hornbeam Lane, which is a Local Wildlife Site designated for its ancient green lane interest. We also have records of bats and birds nearby; and there are some fine ancient pollarded trees within the lane.

Due to the nature and scale of the proposals, I do not consider that any ecological surveys are necessary in this instance. Notwithstanding, the adjacent LWS could be affected by the movement of large vehicles, dust, pollution, encroachment and so on. Therefore, I recommend a precautionary approach to the works is taken and advise the following **Informative** is added to any permission granted:

“All works (including vehicle movements, materials and waste), must be kept strictly within the curtilage of the proposed construction zone and under no circumstances should there be any detrimental physical impact to the adjacent Local Wildlife Site (Hornbeam Lane).”

I trust these comments are of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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