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Lemsford Lane, WGC. Erection of single storey rear extension.

Thank you for consulting HBRC on the above application. We have the following comments to make.

1. HBRC database and ecological evaluation

The HBRC database does not hold any biological records (habitats or species) for the proposal site though the area to the south is recorded on our database as an Ecology Site – Stanborough Lake (ref 57/020). Ecology Sites are non-statutory and may be of wildlife interest, at least at a local level; though they may be included in the database purely as some ecological information is held on them. Whilst these sites are often a valuable starting point in identifying the county's wildlife resource, they do not meet the rigorous and quantifiable assessment criteria needed to identify them as Local (County) Wildlife Sites.

The development, as proposed, will not impact the adjacent Ecology Site and does not affect the roof or loft space of the dwelling, and thus will not have an impact on any bat population or any other known protected species.

2. Conclusion

We conclude that there are no known ecological constraints regarding the proposed development. Therefore, the application can be determined accordingly.

We trust these comments are of assistance in determining this application and should you require any further information or advice, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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