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Dear David

Application Reference: 6/2018/1996/FULL

Address: 77 Brookmans Avenue Brookmans Park Hatfield AL9 7QG

Proposal: Erection of 8 x self-contained apartments with a proposed lower ground floor car park following demolition of existing dwelling

Thank you for consulting Hertfordshire Ecology on the above application, for which I have the following comments:

A Bat Assessment survey by Jones & Sons Environmental Sciences Ltd was conducted on the property in May 2018. The report discovered signs of the property being used as a roost by brown long eared bats. Further summer surveys are necessary to determine the current use of the building by bats, and to provide appropriate mitigation measures to maintain the local bat population.

The report outlines mitigation adequate to deal with bats from a planning perspective prior to determination. I consider that the LPA can fulfil their legal obligations and apply and satisfy the third test of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.

It is acknowledged that a mitigation licence will be required to proceed lawfully and I have no reason to believe that an ESP licence for this proposal will not be issued by Natural England.

The recommended follow up summer surveys should be secured as a Condition and the Outline Mitigation Strategy modified according to the results to ensure bats are safeguarded from harm during these development proposals

I trust these comments are of assistance,

Yours sincerely

Simon Richards

