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Dear Sarah

Application: Land adjacent to 45 Broadwater Road Welwyn Garden City AL7 3AX

Address: Erection of four storey development comprising 91 x bed care home with 13 x care suites

Application No: 6/2018/3292/MAJ

Thank you for consulting Hertfordshire Ecology. I previously commented on this proposal (letter dated 12 February 2019). I can find no significantly different impacts relating to ecology within the proposed amendments. Consequently, consistent with previous advice, I am not aware of any ecological constraints with regard to this proposal.

The planning system should aim to deliver overall net gains for biodiversity where possible as laid out in the National Planning Policy Framework and other planning policy documents. A Preliminary Ecological Assessment undertaken in 2018 suggests suitable biodiversity enhancements for swifts and hedgehogs which will deliver biodiversity gains to species specifically relevant to the local area.

I trust these comments are of assistance,

Yours sincerely

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