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Hi Joan,

Thank you for consulting me on the above planning application (application no. 21/00592/FUL). I have reviewed the Preliminary Bat Survey, prepared by 4 Acre Ecology and dated 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021. I have the following comments where further information is required before a positive determination the application.

The ecology report is considered satisfactory. The building was considered to offer 'negligible' potential for roosting bats and no further surveys are required. However, a number of bird nests were recorded. Several swallow nest cups were present as well as nesting house sparrows. The nesting features are to be lost within the proposal.

The architectural plans will need to show nesting features to compensate for the loss of those on site. For example, I recommend that at least 4 no. swallow nest cups are provided as well as a house sparrow terrace (a design with 3 no. holes). The designs of the new features should be provided along with the positions on the elevations of the building. These details will need to be submitted before a positive determination of the application to ensure that sufficient compensation for nesting birds is incorporated into the scheme. The nesting features should be located along the northern or eastern elevations of the building, and not directly above any doors or windows.

Once the architectural plans have been submitted, I will provide final comments for the application with recommendations for conditions and an informative.

Kind regards,

Esther

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