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| **Ecology Planning Application Response** |  |  |  |  |
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| Date: 22 June 2021 |
| From: Paul Holton, Ecology Officer |

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| **Application reference:** | 21/02021/ALB |
| **Site:** | 2 Sandhill Road  East Claydon  Buckinghamshire  MK18 2LZ |
| **Proposal:** | Replace the existing tiles with alluvial clay tiles to the rear lean to extension |
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| **Summary** | |
| Bat Informative provided | |
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| **Discussion** | |
| This application seeks to replace roof tiles on the rear porch section of the property in question. There is a slim possibility crevice dwelling bats may use some of the gaps under the tiles to roost within. However on inspecting the images provided with the application it is considered that any opportunities that are present provide relatively unsuitable situations for bats to permanently take up residency in what little opportunities I could see from the pictures.  I do not consider the proposed development is significant enough to trigger a full bat activity assessment of the site. However the applicant should be made aware of their responsibilities in the unlikely event that bats are discovered when the existing tiles are removed and replaced with the proposed new ones. As such a bat informative is provided which should accompany any decision made towards this application. | |
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| **Informative** | |
| **Protection of bats and their roosts**  *The applicant is reminded that, under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) and the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), it is an offence to: deliberately capture, injure or kill a bat; intentionally, recklessly or deliberately disturb a roosting or hibernating bat; intentionally or recklessly obstruct access to a roost. Planning consent for a development does not provide a defence against prosecution under these acts. Buildings, other structures and trees may support bats and their roosts. Where proposed activities might result in one or more of the above offences, it is possible to apply for a derogation licence from Natural England. If a bat or bat roost is encountered during works, , all works must cease until advice has been sought from Natural England, as failure to do so could result in prosecutable offences being committed.* | |