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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

**The Cattle Shed Ryes Farm, Pettaugh Lane Gosbeck IP6 9SF.**

**5<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

Dear Planning Department

With reference to the planning conditions 5 & 6 of application DC/21/00317.

Abrehart Ecology Ltd on the 21<sup>st</sup> August 2020 carried out a Preliminary Ecological Assessment (PEA) and on the 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020 a Bat Preliminary Roost Assessment (PRA) by Toby Abrehart. It was recommended from these reports bat surveys were carried out, the results indicated that bats were using the "Cart Lodge" and not the Cattle shed which is the site on this planning application (Reference DC\_21\_00317-RYS\_BAT\_SURVEY-7638397 by Abrehart Ecology Ltd).

Since these surveys Christian Whiting from MHE consultants Ltd (Natural England Bat Mitigation Licence Holder) and Duncan Sweeting (Natural England Bat Survey Licence WML-CL18) formally from Abrehart Ecology and now from DCS Ecology Ltd carried out a bat inspection on the 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and found no signs of Bat usage in the "old cattle shed" and the works would not affect the local bat population.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021, Duncan Sweeting LCG (Natural England Level 2 Bat Class Survey Licence), did a walk over survey of the Cattle Shed to check for any signs of bats and to take details for a lighting plan. During this walk over survey no bat signs were found in the Cattle shed, but however the Cart Lodge showed signs of Bat activity.

From all these sites visits it was deemed that **No Natural England Licence** was required for this planning application, however a suitable lighting plan would be needed because of the close proximity to the cart lodge and works carried out of the bird nesting season.

It is recommended that condition 5 is discharged and 6 a suitable lighting plan submitted

If you have any question, please come back to me

Yours faithfully

