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c/o Kay Pilsbury Thomas Architects Honeylands Radwinter Saffron Walden Cb10 2tj

4th April 2024

Dear Ms. Thomas.

Re: Proposed rendering of listed building at Jollyboys, Felsted, Essex

- 1.1 Hybrid Ecology Ltd. was instructed by Kay Pilsbury Thomas Architects to provide a site visit and letter in respect of proposed work at Jollyboys. We understand the work relates to the external rendering of a listed house, minor works to a porch and minor works to a chimney. This report is intended to support a listed building application. The site plan is provided in Appendix 1.
- 1.2 This letter has been written by Gemma Holmes who is a qualified ecologist (BSc, Hons), Associate member of the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (ACIEEM) and is licensed to carry out surveys for great crested newt and bats (Licence references: 2016-27305-CLS-CLS and 2015-19096-CLS-CLS). Gemma has been providing ecological reports in a professional capacity for 17 years.
- 1.3 The site visit was undertaken on 8th March 2024 by Anthony Owers (BSc, Hons) in respect of wider proposals on the site, including alteration of outbuildings. This survey included the house, outbuildings and garden area including pond. A separate Preliminary Ecological Appraisal was subsequently provided. This letter relates to the minor works illustrated in Appendix 1 only.
- 1.4 The property has a timber frame, brick and render walls, and a peg-tiled roof with brick chimneys. See Appendix 2. The house has potential access points for bats and nesting birds between the old peg tiles on the roof, but no areas on the chimney stack, walls, porch or around windows/doors or external cladding were identified as providing suitable crevices for roosting bats. We understand that the roof will be unaffected.
- 1.5 Consequently, we do not consider that there is a reasonable likelihood of bats being present and affected, and further bat surveys are not required. If work was proposed to the roof, this would require separate consideration.

- 1.6 As the work will be confined to the house and immediate areas, there will be no impacts to habitats on the wider garden, including pond.
- 1.7 Bats are strictly protected from direct harm as well as disturbance. In the unlikely event that bats are unexpectedly encountered at any point during the work, work must cease until ecological advice has been sought.
- 1.8 This letter addresses all potential ecological implications of the listed building application and confirms that no further ecological surveys are required.

If you have any queries or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Appendix 1. Site plan



Appendix 2. Photographs of house in context



