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ASSESSMENT OF PORTAL-FRAMED BARNs AND THEIR POTENTIAL TO SUPPORT PROTECTED SPECIES.

Background

Greenscape Environmental Ltd was instructed by Berrys on behalf of the clients to conduct an ecological assessment of barns at White House Farm as part of a planning application for a residential development. A site visit was conducted on 17th October 2023 by Ben Jones.

Ecological Assessment

There are two areas of barn to be demolished, both are portal framed sheds of no ecological value. One is used as a cattle shed and one as material and equipment storage. Both have open sides and consist of metal frames supporting asbestos roofs with skylights and corrugated metal gables.



Figure 1. Modern portal-framed cattle shed

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There is no central ridge beam against which bats might find a suitable roost space, and limited potential for nesting birds. No evidence of nesting birds was identified, but it is acknowledged that this visit was conducted at a suboptimal time of year for that assessment. It is possible for the barn to support nesting swallows and perhaps pigeons throughout the summer, but the lack of old nests suggests this may not be the case.



Figure 2. Inside cattle shed



Figure 3. Inside material/equipment storage area



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No further surveys are required on these barns and demolition can begin as soon as planning permission has been granted.

Yours sincerely,

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