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Dear Harriet,

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Location: Kennels 1 Betts Cottages Little Revel End Lane Redbourn Hertfordshire AL3 7Aj

Proposal: Construction of five, three bedroom dwellings with associated landscaping, parking and bin stores following the demolition of existing buildings

Thank you for consulting Hertfordshire Ecology on this application. I apologise for the delay with this reply.

The Hertfordshire Environmental Records Centre does not have any habitat or species data for the application site, which includes a number of outbuildings in a rural location.

Viewed from aerial and supplied photos, the majority of buildings proposed for demolition appear to be modern, well-sealed with metal or plastic corrugated roofs. There are also open sided lean-tos, amenity grassland, hardstanding paths – all of limited ecological interest.

In this instance I do not consider any ecological surveys are necessary. However, as the property is in a rural location, I would recommend a precautionary approach to demolition works is adopted and advise the following **Informatives** are added to any permission granted:

“If bats or nesting birds are discovered during the course of any works, work must stop immediately and advice sought on how to proceed lawfully from an appropriately qualified and experienced Ecologist or Natural England.”

I trust these comments are of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Anita Parry
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