

MEMORANDUM

To : DAVID DUGDALE, SOUTHERN PLANNING SERVICES
From : BRIDGIT SYMONS, SENIOR ECOLOGIST
Tel : 01432 383507 My Ref :
Date : 8TH JUNE 2012 Your Ref : S120939/F

SITE: THE MERCHANT'S HOUSE, 6-8 WIDEMARSH STREET, HEREFORD, HR4 9EW

DESCRIPTION: PROPOSED CONVERSION OF DWELLING TO THREE SELF-CONTAINED FLATS

Thank you for consulting me on the above application. I visited the site last week and have received the ecological report by Star Ecology dated 21st March 2012. I note that no evidence of bat roosting was found in the building. I welcome the enhancement measures proposed and recommend that provision be made for two swift boxes also to be installed.

If this application is to be approved, I recommend the inclusion of the following **conditions**:

The recommendations set out in the ecologist's report dated 21st March 2012 should be followed in relation to the identified protected species [bats, great crested newts etc], unless otherwise agreed in writing by the local planning authority.

Two swift boxes shall be installed at eaves level prior to first occupation of the building.

Reasons:

To ensure that all species are protected having regard to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 and Policies NC1, NC6 and NC7 of the Herefordshire Unitary Development Plan. To comply with Policies NC8 and NC9 of Herefordshire's Unitary Development Plan in relation to Nature Conservation and Biodiversity and to meet the requirements of the NPPF and the NERC Act 2006

The following **standard informative** should also be included:

N11C – General

The attention of the applicant is drawn to the provisions of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended). This gives statutory protection to a number of species and their habitats. Other animals are also protected under their own legislation. Should any protected species or their habitat be identified during the course of the development then work should cease immediately and Natural England should be informed. They can be contacted at: Block B, Government Buildings, Whittington Road, Worcester, WR5 2LQ. Tel: 0300 060 6000.

The attention of the applicant is also drawn to the provisions of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010. In particular, European protected animal species and their breeding sites or resting places are protected under Regulation 40. It is an offence for anyone to deliberately capture, injure or kill any such animal. It is also an offence to damage or destroy a breeding or resting place of such an animal.