

MEMORANDUM

To : REBECCA JENMAN, NORTHERN PLANNING SERVICES
From : BRIDGIT SYMONS, SENIOR ECOLOGIST
Tel : 01432 383507 My Ref :
Date : 21ST AUGUST 2012 Your Ref : N121501/FH

SITE: CHERRY ORCHARD, LITTLE COWARNE, BROMYARD, HR7 4RQ

DESCRIPTION: INTERNAL ALTERATIONS OF EXISTING OUTBUILDING TO BECOME PART OF DWELLING WITH NEW ATTACHED STORE AND DETACHED DOUBLE GARAGE

Thank you for consulting me on the above application. I have received the ecological report by Countryside Consultants dated 27/07/2012 and note that whilst some bat droppings were present in the spring, no evidence of current roosting by bats was found. There is evidence of use of the building by nesting birds. The recommendations for mitigation and enhancement of the building are appropriate and welcome.

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 27/07/2012 should be followed in relation to the identified protected species [bats and nesting birds etc], and the mitigation and enhancement measures shall be implemented prior to occupation of the new dwelling area.

An appropriately qualified and experienced ecological clerk of works should be appointed (or consultant engaged in that capacity) to oversee the ecological mitigation work.

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.