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Ref: 25/00509/FPH
Att: Henry Thomas

Rooks Nest Farm , Rooks Nest Lane, Therfield, Hertfordshire, SG8 9QX
Renovation and conversion of existing barn into habitable accommodation

Consultee comments;

Thank you for consulting me on the above application, I would have no objection to the proposal.

The accompanying Bat Survey Report found evidence of a bat roost in the barn with bats recorded foraging in the surrounding area.

The proposed works to the barn could impact an occupied bat roost, both the roost and bat are protected. There is also the potential for bats to be harmed due to the proposed works of the barn without the appropriate mitigation measures. To allow for the roost loss and potential disturbance to roosting bats, a Bat Mitigation Class Licence will be required prior to any works. As such the following condition is required.

No works are in any circumstances to commence unless the local planning authority has been provided with either:

1. a licence issued by Natural England authorizing the specified activity/development to go ahead; or
2. a statement in writing from the relevant licensing body to the effect that it does not consider that the specified activity/development will require a licence.

Reason: To ensure that works do not result in adverse impacts to protected species.