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Application

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The Old Forge 27A Park Street Baldock
Hertfordshire SG7 6DY

Details reserved by Condition 8 (Bat
licence and statement from Natural
England) of planning permission reference
23/02400/S73 granted on 23.11.2023.

Documents;

CL21 Bat Licence Application Form

Consultancy;

N/A

Summary of Advice:

“Insufficient information to determine
application.”

The planning officer should either:

1. Refuse the applicant or advise it is
withdrawn or,
2. Request further information from the
applicant and re-consult the Ecology Service
(LEADS) when it is furnished.

Pre-determination

- [Protected](#) species – Bat Licence
Required

Comments and recommended Conditions and Informatives:

Protected species

A bat licence application form was submitted as part of this application but was only half completed. Natural England have confirmed that no valid bat licence exists for this site. As this application can only be determined through the submission of a valid Natural England bat mitigation licence to discharge a condition, this application cannot be determined.

As a valid Bat Licence is legally required to permit damage to a bat roost, no works should go ahead until this licence has been received. However, as the planning process is not designed to duplicate legislation, I advise that the LPA can determine

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this application without consulting the LEADS service once they receive evidence that Natural England have granted a licence to this site.

I trust these comments are of assistance and kind regards.

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