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Att: Vicki Wood

Herts Native Trees, Ashwell Road, Bygrave, Baldock, Hertfordshire, SG7 5EB

Erection of one single storey self-build dwelling and detached garage including installation of PV roof panels, air source heat pump and wind turbine with a tip height of 4.5 metres (max) following removal of existing poly tunnels

Updated consultee comments;

Thank you for consulting me on the updated information for the above application. On reviewing the details of the wind turbine I am concerned that there could be an impact to commuting / foraging bats. Whilst the PEA dismissed any potential impacts to bats due to the fact existing trees were to be retained and new hedgerow planted, the risk associated with a 4.5m turbine on the boundary was not assessed. This is the height that bats will be flying at whilst feeding and could be harmed. As the design of the turbine has not been decided by the applicant, I would suggest a bat friendly design is chosen and suggest more details are provided to give assurance of no impact as the PEA makes no mention of a turbine.