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Att: Henry Thomas

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Erection of detached industrial storage building following demolition of two existing industrial storage buildings and installation of external lighting and increase in material storage height to 6.0m. (Development has commenced).

Consultee comments;

No ecological information has been provided with the application, as development has commenced the proposal would not be subject to mandatory Biodiversity Net Gain. However, I do have concerns over the extent of lighting impact on the woodland beyond the red line boundary of the site.

Neighbour comments refer to bat interest locally but this cannot be determined due to the lack of information. It is also possible that the introduction of light to previously dark areas has already had a detrimental effect on bat populations so surveys undertaken now may not be truly reflective of the pre-development situation.

An ecological appraisal should be provided to allow the full impact of the proposal to be determined and this would ideally be supported by bat surveys undertaken when the 30m lighting column is not in use.