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Subject: RE: 24/02343/FP - Church Wood Three Houses Lane Codicote Hertfordshire - Additional response and advice from Natural England

Our reference – 499626

For the attention of Mr Tom Rea

Re - 24/02343/FP | Change of use of existing site from agricultural to use Class B8 (Storage and Distribution). Extensions and alterations to existing barns; erection of detached temporary structure of three years and supporting substation and concrete base. Installation of hardstanding for outside storage and parking and installation of electric front entrance gates. Drainage pond and associated outfall pipe, alterations to surface access track (Development has commenced). | Church Wood Three Houses Lane Codicote Hertfordshire

Dear Mr Rea,

Since submission of our response to the above application (24/02343/FP – our ref **498237**) we have been alerted to concerns that the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) may not have adequately assessed impacts to Church Wood Local Wildlife Site (LWS). Whilst these sites fall outside of our statutory remit, Natural England will not support proposals likely to have an adverse impact on LWSs and/or Priority Habitat, including Ancient Woodland, given the important role these sites and habitats play in supporting the functioning and resilience of the wider ecological network. Our advice is that your authority should ensure that a full ecological appraisal of all proposed works within the full red line boundary of the proposed development has been provided, alongside any details of mitigation measures required to address adverse impacts on the LWS and /or Priority Habitat, in accordance with relevant local and national planning policy. Your authority should make full reference to advice in our previous response with regard to potential impacts on Priority Habitats and Ancient Woodland.

Yours sincerely,

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