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Application

Details reserved by Condition 9 (Barn Owl and breeding bird mitigation plan) of planning permission reference 24/02167/FP granted on 30.04.2025 for [25/01799/DOC](#) Old Generator House Mill Lane, Hexton Hertfordshire SG5 3JE 25-01799-DC SR

Documents:

Barn Owl and Breeding Bird Mitigation Plan, 26/06/2025.

Consultancy: Cherryfield Ecology

Summary of Advice:

Condition 9 Can Be Fully Discharged.

Condition 9:

Prior to the commencement of works hereby permitted a Barn Owl and Breeding Bird Mitigation Plan shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved scheme.

Reason: In the interests of nature conservation. To comply with Policy NE4 of the Local Plan

evidence of barn owls and swallows was found in the Old Generator House. Suitable mitigation for barn owls in the form of a *barn owl box* is proposed. The submitted mitigation plan provides a professional assessment that the conversion will not allow for the installation of replacement nesting for swallows. Bird boxes and swift boxes and general bird nesting boxes are recommended in compensation. Based on this assessment and the provision of the barn owl box and recommended mitigation measures I advise that the requirements listed by **Condition 9 can be discharged** and that the submitted Barn Owl and Breeding Bird Mitigation Plan is suitable to be used as the reference document to discharge the onward actions of the Condition

I trust these comments are of assistance and kind regards.

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