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Ref: 25/01175/FP
Att: Melissa Tyler

**Land Between Lodge Cottage And Spring Cottage, Ashwell Road, Ashwell, Hertfordshire,
SG7 5JX**

**Erection of self-build single dwelling and detached double garage. Solar panels installed in roof
of dwelling and garage..**

Consultee comments;

Thank you for consulting me, having read through the submitted documents I would have no ecological objection to the proposal.

As the application is a self-build it is exempt from mandatory BNG though the proposed landscaping will deliver ecological benefits. In addition, the North Herts Local Plan also advises development should consider the inclusion of integrated features in the built fabric of dwellings such as bat, bird and bee bricks. Taking this into account the following condition is suggested;

Ecological Enhancements

No development shall take place until an Ecological Enhancement Plan (EES) for the creation of new wildlife features such as the inclusion of integrated bird/bat and bee boxes in buildings/structures, has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority.

Reason: To ensure development is ecologically sensitive and secures biodiversity enhancements in accordance with the North Herts Local Plan policy NE4.