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Mr Shaun Greaves  
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Dear Mr Greaves

Reference : Land on The North Side of, Pirton Road, Holwell, Hertfordshire SG5 3SN

Planning Permission : 22/01687/FP

I write with reference to the above plot of land and your letter dated 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024, please note that on the 5<sup>th</sup> August it was seen that Barn Owls are nesting in the tress to the side of this plot of land.

It is also inhabited by two kites as well as providing protection for Bats. These are protected by law under the conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 and schedule 5 of the Wildlife and Countryside act 1981. Bats are predominately only visible at dusk , and I note that visitors from the council have not attended site during these times.

I am lead to believe that it is illegal to remove bats without a licence and this offence carries a six month Prison sentence.

Not withstanding the above I would also object once more to the access to this plot of land , the facilities of mains drainage , and the overall effect to the environment in Holwell. None of these objections seem to have been considered by the Planning Office with any degree of concern for the local residents.

I shall look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Yours sincerely 

  
Mr J.P.Nicholson