

Officer Liz Anderson – Ecologist  
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Ref: 25/02219/FP  
Att: Vicki Wood

**Herts Native Trees, Ashwell Road, Bygrave, Baldock, Hertfordshire, SG7 5EB**

**Erection of one single storey self-build dwelling and detached garage including installation of PV roof panels, air source heat pump and wind turbine following removal of existing poly tunnels.**

**Consultee comments;**

Thank you for consulting me on the above application. I have read through the submitted documents and welcome the provision of the September 2025 Preliminary Ecological Appraisal.

The application is not subject to mandatory Biodiversity Net Gain as it is a self-build scheme.

I would have no ecological objection to the proposal but to ensure the scheme is delivered in accordance with North Herts Local Plan policy NE4, I suggest the following condition should you decide to grant planning permission;

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

*Reason: To ensure development secures biodiversity enhancements in accordance with Policy NE4 of the Local Plan.*