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Subject: Planning application 68189 110 Watling St

Hi Dean

Thank you for consulting the GMEU

Summary

There are unlikely to be any significant ecological issues associated with this development.

Protected Species

The footprint of the development appears to be restricted to a very small area of low ecological value grassland. There are no habitats on or near the site likely to provide habitat for protected species, other than badger and the scale of the development too small to negatively impact on any foraging habitat of this species if present in the locality. I am satisfied that no further information or measures are required.

Nesting Birds

No direct loss of bird nesting habitat appears to be occurring, though disturbance of the adjacent hedge during construction would likely occur. I therefore recommend an informative along the following lines is applied to any permission.

The applicant is reminded that, under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 as amended it is an offence to remove, damage, or destroy the nest of a wild bird, while the nest is in use or being built. Planning consent does not provide a defence against prosecution under this act. If a birds nest is suspected work should cease immediately and a suitably experienced ecologist employed to assess how best to safeguard the nest(s).

Contributing to and Enhancing the Natural Environment

Section 174 of the NPPF 2021 states that the planning policies and decisions should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment. The development will result in a few square meters of low ecological value grassland, with no negative impacts on species likely. Mitigation is technically required for the loss of the grass and whilst not like for like, I would suggest that provision of a bat or bird box on the Barn or trees to the north the most suitable measure. ***The details can be conditioned.***

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