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Hi Claire

Thank you for consulting the GMEU

Summary

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

Protected, Priority Species and nesting birds

I previously accepted that the structures on the site were very low risk for bats and nesting birds. These structures now appear to have been removed, with the site now consisting of hard standing/bare ground. Given the urban location no further information or measures are required.

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 site has negligible habitat or wildlife value. The proposed development however appears also to have no habitat or wildlife value with no soft landscaping proposed. I would recommend measures are provided to enhance the site post development, whether through soft landscaping or provision of bird or bat boxes. The details can be conditioned.

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