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Subject: Planning application 69184 Land adj to 148 Hollins Lane

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 site was cleared as part of a previous application, which included bat surveys of the building that was removed. No evidence of bats was found. It is very unlikely that there are any other protected species issues associated with this site.

No further information or measures are required.

Nesting Birds

The site has already been cleared, with remaining trees shown as retained. I 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. For the previous application, measures for bats were conditioned. Given the site is now bare ground, though did prior to the previous application consist of vegetated garden, I am satisfied that the proposed gardens along with provision of bird and bat boxes, can achieve mitigation and enhancement on the site.

The details of landscaping, bird and bat boxes can be conditioned.

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