



ECOLOGICAL ADVICE SERVICE

TO: Katherine Parkin
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DATE: 03 July 2024
SUBJECT: 20240526 Long Acre, Shorne

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Condition 7 states: *Prior to the demolition of the pump house, a bat mitigation strategy based on the information within the Bat and Reptile Survey (Calumma Ecological Services; September 2022), and including the location of the bat box within the roof void, must be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The mitigation strategy must be implemented as approved unless varied by a European protected species licence issued by Natural England, and shall be maintained thereafter*

We advise that we have received sufficient information to satisfy us of the location of the bat loft.

However we highlight the following two points:

- One of the bat access points is located under the solar panels. We recommend that the access point is located in an area which will not be impacted by the solar panels.
- The submitted plan details that traditional roofing felt and breathable roofing felt will be installed. We advise that only traditional roofing felt is used in areas which could be accessed by bats.

These points is not something that the condition discharge requires but we recommend that these points are addressed within the EPS licence.

If you have any queries regarding our comments, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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Biodiversity Officer

This response was submitted following consideration of the following documents:

- Bat Loft; GSP; May 2025