



ECOLOGICAL ADVICE SERVICE

TO: *Ethan Bonthron*

FROM: *Helen Forster*

DATE: *19 October 2023*

SUBJECT: *Meopham Tennis Club, Meopham 20230817*

The following is provided by Kent County Council's Ecological Advice Service (KCC EAS) for Local Planning Authorities. It is independent, professional advice and is not a comment/position on the application from the county council. It is intended to advise the relevant planning officer(s) on the potential ecological impacts of the planning application and if sufficient/appropriate ecological information has been provided.

Any additional information, queries or comments on this advice that the applicant or other interested parties may have must be directed in every instance to the planning officer, who will seek input from the EAS where appropriate and necessary.

Variation of Condition 3:

The current condition states: *The lighting installation hereby permitted shall only be used, when required, between the hours of 4 pm to 9pm Monday to Friday and 4pm to 7pm on Saturday and only between 1 October and 31 March the following year. The installation shall include automatic cutoff switches to ensure the approved floodlights are turned off completely outside of these times.*

We understand that the proposal is to extend the lighting to be operational between 7 and 9 Monday to Friday in April and September.

The lighting could have negative impacts on foraging/commuting bats within the area if the lighting impacts any of the site boundaries or surrounding habitats. We recommend that photos are provided showing how the existing lights within the site impact the site boundaries. This information will enable us to consider the impact from the proposed changes to the lighting.

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

Helen Forster MCIEEM
Biodiversity Officer

This response was submitted following consideration of the following documents:
Application Form