



ECOLOGICAL ADVICE SERVICE

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SUBJECT: 20211296 / Lomer Farm, Meopham

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Condition 18 states: "Prior to the commencement of development an updated bat survey shall be carried out to determine the size and significance of any bat roost(s) within the site and that survey and its results together with a scheme to provide appropriate mitigation measures shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The mitigation scheme should be fully implemented in accordance with the approved details prior to the first occupation of the development hereby permitted."

We have reviewed the submitted documents in relation to condition 18 and advise that sufficient information has been provided to discharge the condition.

The updated surveys did confirm a bat roost and, therefore, a Natural England licence will be needed to facilitate works. The outline mitigation strategy is appropriate.

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This response was submitted following consideration of the following documents:
Bat Survey Report. Corylus Ecology. September 2021.