



ECOLOGICAL ADVICE SERVICE

TO: Richard Hart
FROM: Helen Forster
DATE: 16 August 2022
SUBJECT: 20220815 Land At Market Square, Gravesend

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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.

Condition 29 states: *Prior to any part of the permitted development being occupied or used, and notwithstanding the details shown on the approved plans, submitted documents and application form, a scheme for providing bat/bird roosting opportunities at the site shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved scheme shall be implemented in full prior to the first occupation of the residential units or use of the multi-storey car park hereby permitted.*

The submitted information has detailed that the following will be erected within the site:

- 1 set* Sparrow terrace
- 2 sets* swift/bat boxes

* A set is three boxes

As the development is for 242 dwellings within 3 blocks we question why more features cannot be erected through out the site. The north of the site is close to the River Thames and St Andrews garden which is likely to be used by both bats and birds and therefore we would recommend that additional features are located in the north of the site.

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

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