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Dear Kate

Morgan & Stuckey Ecological Consultants were asked to undertake a nesting bird survey on the 01/07/2024 in fulfilment of Condition #4 of planning consent No. 24/00817/F for The Stables, College Farm, Main Street, Wendlebury, Bicester OX25 2PR

The planning consent is for 'The change of use and conversion of equestrian stables and storage barn to a create a single residential dwelling'.

METHOD

The barn and surrounding vegetation was searched for any active nests as well as for any evidence of visiting birds, including droppings and feathers. It was also observed from a distance to record any bird activity.

RESULTS

The barn is 'O' shaped and timber built with weatherboarded exterior which is ply board lined within. The roof is hipped and covered with slate roof tiles, with a very shallow loft void within. The building is relatively new and is therefore in good condition throughout with no gaps or potential access points for birds noted. There are two bird boxes on the western elevation. Neither of these were occupied and no active or disused nests were found within the remainder of the building. The western and southern elevation are situated close to a hedgerow with trees, this habitat was also searched with no nests found and following observation of the building and adjacent vegetation from a distance, no regular bird activity was observed.



Figure 1: Satellite image of barn (within red line)



Figure 2: Northern elevation of the barn



Figure 3: Image of hedgerow and trees along the western boundary



Figure 4: Example of bird box on site

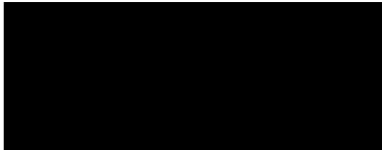
CONCLUSION

There are no current or disused nests present on site and the building provides negligible opportunities for breeding birds.

The adjacent hedgerow and tree vegetation offers some limited nesting habitat, however, this habitat will not be impacted by the development.

Therefore, no further surveys or checks are required. Should any nests or evidence of breeding birds be unexpectedly found during works, then all works must stop and an ecologist consulted.

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