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Subject: New comments for application 19/01312/F

New comments have been received for application 19/01312/F at site address: The outbuilding adjacent to The Kennels Bicester Road Stratton Audley

from Charlotte Watkins (Ecology Officer) Charlotte. Watkins@Cherwell-DC.gov.uk

Address:

Comment type: Comment

Comments:

Application No.: 19/01312/F

Applicant's Name: The Bicester Hunt and Whaddon Chase

Proposal: Conversion of existing outbuildings into 3 new residential units.

Location: The outbuilding adjacent to The Kennels Bicester Road Stratton Audley

## Dear Matthew

I have read through the relevant documents. A bat survey has been carried out to best practice and there are a couple of roosts present for single bats. Their ecologist proposes to register the site under a Low Impact Class licence and made a number of mitigation suggestions which are likely to be acceptable. I have no concerns therefore as regards protected species. In addition to the mitigation required as part of any licence application they should ensure there are some enhancements on site to achieve a net gain for biodiversity as part of the plans beyond mitigation. This could include additional bat features, wildlife friendly planting, bird boxes, insect boxes etc.. These could be included in a biodiversity enhancement scheme.

I would recommend the following conditions or similar wording to any permission:

## K4 Bat Licence Required to Implement Permission

Where an offence under Regulation 41 of the Habitat and Species Regulations 2010 is likely to occur in respect of the development hereby approved, no works of site clearance, demolition or construction shall take place which are likely to impact on bats until a licence (or Low Impact Class licence) to affect such species has been granted/registered in accordance with the aforementioned Regulations and a copy or proof thereof has been submitted to the Local Planning Authority. Reason KR1

## K17 Biodiversity Enhancement

Prior to the commencement of the development hereby approved, including any demolition, and any works of site clearance, a method statement for enhancing biodiversity on site shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Thereafter, the biodiversity enhancement measures shall be carried out and retained in accordance with the approved details. Reason KR3

Kind regards

## Charlotte Watkins

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