Wiltshire Council Planning Consultation Response

ECOLOGY

Officer name:	Jenna Buss
Date:	09/08/2023
Application number:	PL/2023/04683
Proposal:	The demolition of an existing agricultural building used for calf rearing and the construction of a replacement agricultural building to be used for calf rearing.
Site address:	Sherrington Dairy, Sherrington, Warminster, Wiltshire, BA12 0SN
Case officer:	Jonathan Maidman

Recommendations:

	No Comment
	Support
x	No objection
	Condition (no objection subject to conditions)
	Objection - further information required
	Objection in principle
	HRA completed

Matters Considered:

Thank you for consulting Ecology, I have reviewed the application and supporting documents against OS Maps and aerial photography of the site and surrounding area, together with GIS layers of statutory and non-statutory sites and existing records of protected species.

We welcome the Protected Species Survey submitted in support of the application and note that no evidence of bats was identified during the survey and that the building is considered to '*provide no potential to support roosting bats'*. We also note that the proposed building will remain unlit and therefore prevent adverse impacts from light spill on any foraging or commuting bats. In addition, we note the proposals to include additional bat boxes and bird nesting boxes within the new building which would provide biodiversity enhancements on site.

Breeding Birds
The adults, young, eggs and nests of all species of birds are protected by the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) while they are breeding.
Please be advised that works should not take place that will harm nesting birds from March to August inclusive. All British birds, their nests and eggs are protected under Section 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 while birds are nesting, building nests and sitting on eggs. The applicant is advised to check any structure or vegetation capable of supporting breeding birds and delay removing or altering such features until after young birds have fledged. Damage to extensive areas that could contain nests/breeding birds should be undertaken outside the breeding season. This season is usually taken to be the period between 1st March and 31st August but some species are known to breed outside these limits.

Final sign off – all matters addressed:

Ecologist Jenna Buss	Date **14/08/2023**