Wiltshire Council Planning Consultation Response

ECOLOGY

Officer name: Mary Holmes MCIEEM

Date 18/03/2024

Application No: PL/2024/00328

Proposal: Erection of a bat barn with office and store at ground floor level (retrospective)
Site Address: Thoulstone Park Golf Club, Thoulstone, Chapmanslade, BA13 4AQ

Case Officer: Steve Sims

Recommendations:

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

Further information

	Issue	Policy / Legislative compliance	Date information requested & Further information required	**Satisfactorily addressed (Document & Date)**
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The outstanding document(s)/information listed above are needed to enable the council's ecology team to consider all the relevant impacts and benefits of the proposed scheme. The council's ecologists will provide a further response once all the above information has been submitted via the case officer.

Matters Considered

Thank you for consulting me on the above application in relation to ecology. I have reviewed the relevant submitted information against various mapping (OS and aerial) of the surrounding areas together with a review of designated sites and existing records of protected/notable species.

The application is located within a core sustenance zones for greater horseshoe bats associated with the Bath and Bradford on-Avon Special Area of Conservation (SAC). The proposals are detailed under a European Protected Species Mitigation Licence (EPSML) for Bats and the Licence has been granted.

I therefore have no objection subject to the following condition:

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No additional external light fixture or fitting will be installed within the application site unless details of existing and proposed new lighting have been submitted to the Local Planning Authority and the Authority has given its approval to the submitted plans.

REASON: The bat species recorded within the vicinity are sensitive to light pollution (greater and lesser horseshoe). The introduction of artificial light is likely to mean such species are disturbed and/or discouraged from using established flyways or foraging areas. Such disturbance will constitute an offence under relevant wildlife legislation.

Final sign off – all matters addressed: Yes

Ecologist	Date
Mary Holmes	18/03/2024