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To: Planning.Responses
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Subject: BN/43/16/PL - Angels Nursery Yapton Road Barnham PO22 0AY

Dear David Innes

The site has been identified as having species of common reptiles present, the mitigation and enhancements put forth in the Interim Reptile mitigation plan is appropriate and we wish to condition the following points from this report; 3.1.1 – 3.1.4, 3.3.1 – 3.4.3, 4.1.1, 4.1.2.

We wish to condition the soft strip of the roofing material with an CIEEM, with a bat licenced ecologist being present for the whole of the process. The terrestrial mammal survey update submitted is acceptable. We wish to have the Ecological enhancement and mitigation plan conditioned, points that have been covered in this response supersede those made in the Ecological enhancement and mitigation plan. No tree protection order (TPO) shall be harmed this includes their roots.

Clearance of suitable nesting bird habitat (i.e. removal of trees, hedging, dense shrubs and dismantling / demolition of any building) should ideally be undertaken outside the breeding bird season, i.e. should be undertaken in the period September to February inclusive. Should it prove necessary to clear bird nesting habitat during the bird nesting season, then a pre-works check for nesting birds should be undertaken, by a CIEEM ecologist (with 24 hours of any works). If any active nests are found, activities (e.g. tree felling / vegetation clearance / building dismantling / demolition) should cease and an appropriate buffer zone should be established. This buffer zone should be left intact until it has been confirmed that the young have fledged and the nest is no longer in use.

We would like to condition the placement of 15 nesting opportunities for birds (species such as swallows, swifts and housemartins), to replace any potential loss of roosting/nesting provision. Along with 4 bat roosting structures being put on/around the new buildings as a total for the site, these bat structure would be best placed within the walls of the new houses near the pond on the western side of the site facing south to the pond area. Appropriate designs can be found in the publication "Designing for Biodiversity: A technical guide for new and existing buildings", we do not favour the 3FN Schwegler bat box in this case as it is easy to remove from an area. Ecological advice should be sort in when deciding where and which of these structures should be placed for maximum effectiveness, because thermal tolerances of each species are very important. We require these nesting and roosting structures to be integral to the buildings. Lighting will need to be kept to a minimum, as lighting levels have a effects on nocturnal species such as bats, flying invertebrates and various mammal species. To this end there will need be a lighting plan, for conditioning. There will need to be a plant scheme containing native plants only, submitted for conditioning. We ask that applicants/consultants please share their survey results with [Sussex biodiversity records centre](#).

Best regards

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