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Dear David Innes

We wish to have conditioned Table 1 (point 4.1.1) from the Reptile Mitigation strategy report. 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.

The proposed development is also within the SPA zone of influence for Pagham harbour SPA zone of influence, with any net increase in the number of dwellings resulting in a payment needing to be paid the Pagham harbour disturbance mitigation scheme.

We would like to see the placement of 5 nesting opportunities for birds (species such as swallows, swifts and housemartins), to replace any potential loss of roosting/nesting provision. Along with 2 bat roosting structures being put on/around the building. Appropriate designs can be found in the publication "Designing for Biodiversity: A technical guide for new and existing buildings". 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. 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 effect we would wish to see 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](#). If possible reed bed/fen bed soakaways should be used on site to provide drainage and additional wildlife habitat.

Best regards

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