

PL- Consultation- Ecologist response

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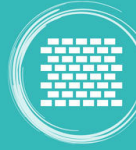
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I have reviewed this application with regards to ecology.

Recommendation: Objection due to insufficient information on BNG and protected species.

It is the opinion of the ecologist that the application is not exempt from mandatory BNG under de minimis as the area being developed is greater than 5sqm.

Aerial photography shows the site was heavily overgrown with several trees present. Site photos taken in May 2026 appear to show the removal of several trees and log piles present. This constitutes site degradation under BNG.

Photos indicate the house and oak had significant Ivy growth. Bats are known to roost behind Ivy and in houses. No ecological assessment has been submitted with the application.
A bat roost and emergence survey are required to establish if bats are present or using the site.

Regards,

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