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**App No:** EG/7/19/PL

**Address:** 26 Downview Road Barnham PO22 0EG

**Proposal:** Demolition of existing detached dwelling & garage & erection of 1 No. dwelling with car port.

### **Bats**

As detailed within the Initial Ecological Assessment (Sep 2018) there is potential for bats to be roosting within the property on site. Due to this and as recommend within the survey further bat emergence surveys are required to determine if bats are roosting onsite prior to determination. This survey needs to be undertaken by a suitably qualified ecologist during the active breeding period (May – September) and submitted for our approval with the planning application. If bats are found to be roosting within the building mitigation will be required and a mitigation strategy should be produced and also submitted with the planning application prior to determination.

The lighting scheme for the site will need to take into consideration the presence of bats in the local area and the scheme should minimise potential impacts to any bats using the trees, hedgerows and buildings by avoiding unnecessary artificial light spill through the use of directional light sources and shielding.

The hedgerows on site are used by bats for commuting and foraging and will need to be retained and enhanced for bats. This will include having a buffer strip around the hedgerows.

### **Nesting Birds**

Any works to the trees or vegetation clearance on the site should only be undertaken outside of the bird breeding season which takes place between 1<sup>st</sup> March – 1<sup>st</sup> October. If works are required within this time an ecologist will need to check the site before any works take place (with 24 hours of any work).

Kind Regards

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