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Cc: Claire Potts; Tom Day
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Dear Claire Potts

We wish to condition the Conclusions and recommendations relating to reptiles and bats. 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 4 nesting opportunities for swifts these could be attached to the lamp posts in such a way that does not hinder maintenance works, to replace any potential loss of feeding habitat. Appropriate designs can be found in the publication "Designing for Biodiversity: A technical guide for new and existing buildings" and talking with the organisation [Swift Conservation](#). 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 planting scheme if any landscaping is planned, containing native plants only submitted for conditioning. We ask that applicants/consultants please share their survey results with [Sussex biodiversity records centre](#). Native mature trees should be retained.

Best regards

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