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Subject: DM/24/2733 - Rose Cottage Day Nursery The Old Sawmills Copyhold Lane Lindfield Haywards Heath West Sussex RH16 1XT

Dear Andy

DM/24/2733

Conversion of vacant adjoined barn into nursery space at ground floor level, alterations to ground floor layout and an increase of child numbers to 70 children.

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We note that an EcIA (Arbtech Consulting Ltd., 26th November 2024) was submitted for this application on 13th February. However, as far as we can see, there are no differences between this and the original EcIA submitted on 3rd December 2024 (also dated 26th November 2024).

As there is a confirmed bat roost, we recommended in our response dated 23rd December 2024 that outline precautionary measures should be provided to support the bat licence required from Natural England.

The following are examples of the measures expected:

Supervision of the works by a licensed ecologist

Prior to the commencement of works, any suitable roost features to be inspected with an endoscope by the licensed ecologist as part of the pre-works check.

Toolbox talk

Provision of bat boxes prior to the commencement of works as required by UK Bat Mitigation Guidelines (Reason & Wray, 2023) and retained to compensate for loss of roost resource.

Working methods - timing and soft stripping of the barn to be converted.

What to do If any bats are encountered during the works e.g they must be captured by the licensed ecologist and either cared for appropriately in a ventilated box or transferred to a bat box located on site

As mentioned in our response, the Local Planning Authority, as a competent authority, should have regard to the requirements of The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) when reaching planning decisions and must not leave this until the licence application stage. We therefore maintain our temporary holding objection and recommend that the applicant submits appropriate outline mitigation measures, including the above, to support the provision of the licence. These must be outlined prior to determination to allow certainty to the LPA that a licence will likely be granted.

I hope this is clear, but if we can help further, please let us know.

Kind regards

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