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| <b>Site Name</b>        | 7 Stapleton Lane Kirkby<br>Mallory Leicester<br>Leicestershire LE9 7QJ | <b>Advice Request</b>    | Ecology                        |
| <b>Planning Ref</b>     | 23/00857/FUL                                                           | <b>Response Deadline</b> | 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 |
| <b>Planning Officer</b> | Sullivan Archer                                                        | <b>Completed By</b>      | Dean LeFeuvre                  |
| <b>Date of Request</b>  | 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2023                                          | <b>Date of Issue</b>     | 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 |

**Stance: Object.**

Dear Sullivan,

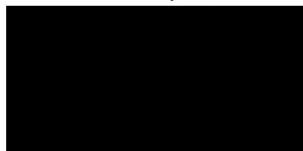
I am writing in respect of ecological matters for the above application advice request regarding the proposed demolition of existing bungalow and erection of two new bungalows.

Thank you for reconsulting with me following my comments made during October 2023 requesting additional Information In relation to roosting bats. I can see that the requested Preliminary Bat Roost Assessment (PBRA) has been completed and provided on the Hinkley & Bosworth Borough Council's online planning portal.

I have reviewed the submitted PBRA report, dated November 2023 completed by Chase Ecological Consultancy. The assessment is satisfactory and identifies that the existing bungalow to be demolished has the potential to support roosting bats. Therefore, there has been a recommendation for a single additional nocturnal survey conducted during the appropriate bat survey season (May - August) as determined by industry guidance. Because I cannot fully determine the potential impact upon roosting bats which are a protected species, my original holding objection stands pending the completion of any outstanding surveys and supporting information.

It should be noted that the applicant's ecologist has completed the assessment in accordance with outdated 2016 survey guidelines , despite the survey being conducted after the latest 2023 guidelines were published in September 2023. This will not have had a detrimental impact on the outcome of the survey outcome, and I therefore do not consider this a limitation. However, the additional recommended survey will need to be conducted in strict accordance with the latest guidelines and failure to do so may result in refusal.

Yours sincerely,



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**On behalf of Leicestershire County Council (Ecology Team)**



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