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Dear Mr Speller,

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Thank you for consulting me on this planning application which is not accompanied by any ecological information. I have therefore carried out my own non-exhaustive desk-based assessment using the application documents, online sources and GIS mapping.

The proposals will impact the existing roof. immediately to the south of the property and beyond the western boundary, is Sinah Common Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) which provides good foraging habitat for bats, increasing the likelihood of the building on site supporting roosting bats. In the absence of any information, it is not possible to determine the value of the site for this species. Therefore, at this stage, I'd request that some good quality photographs of the roof tiles, ridge tiles and soffits/eaves, along all the elevations of the building is submitted. This may allow to provide a more informed opinion on the likelihood of bats being present and affected by the proposed works. However, I must stress that it is not the role of the LPA to determine ecological impacts; that is the responsibility of the applicant. Should images be insufficient, inconclusive or demonstrate features with potential for bats, then the applicant should contact a suitably experienced ecologist to conduct an ecology survey to an appropriate level.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Kind regards,
Maral

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contractual surveys may continue take place where there is no risk to the surveyor or the public, and in line with Government advice. This will be reviewed on an on-going basis.

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