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Dear David,

**APP/14/00450 Installation of generator compound Land at Harts Farm, Harts Farm Way.
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Thank you for re-consulting me on this application. In summary, ecological information is required prior to further determination of this application.

The application is accompanied by an Extended Phase 1 Ecological Assessment (ECOSA, September 2014) which provides a sound appraisal of the site's current ecological constraints. Whilst I have no issues with this report, it does conclude that further detailed survey works is required in order to assess the potential presence or tree-roosting bats. The Phase 1 survey highlighted that *"removal of trees could cause harm to individual bats or the destruction of roosts. The development will also reduce the amount of available foraging habitat. There will be increased lighting and human presence post-development. Further survey is therefore recommended"*. It is clear then that the applicant's ecologist has recommended additional survey effort in order to fully assess the potential impacts.

I do however note that this application also includes a document (undated and anonymously authored) called 'Arboricultural Survey and Proposed Actions during Development/Operation' which sets out proposed changes to the site layout and provides details of the trees to be impacted. The ecologist's recommendations may therefore require revision after a review of this document – in other words, if it can be demonstrated that no trees with bat roosting potential are to be impacted then this would negate the need for further survey. Further information on this issue would be useful.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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