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Superseded response to Natural England's letter dated 22 April 2013

Dear Mr Murray

Planning consultation: Development of existing paddock with 4No. five bed houses and access drive. (Resubmission.)

Location: Land rear of 38-40 Long Copse Lane, Emsworth, PO10 7UR

European Protected Species protected under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended) and the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)

Thank you for your consultation which we received on 18 April 2013.

The proposal is unlikely to affect any statutorily protected sites or landscapes. Natural England advises that there is sufficient information available regarding bats.

From the information available to us Natural England:

- Considers that there are suitable features on, or in the vicinity of the application site for bats to use as roosts
- Confirms that detailed visual inspections have been carried out, with no evidence of a roost found
- Advises that the application does not involve a medium or high risk trees as defined in our standing advice.
- Advises that the application is unlikely to affect the species, through disturbance to individuals, or from damage or destruction of a roost.

Natural England's standing advice found [here](#) provides guidance on how protected species should be dealt with in the planning system. Specific advice on bats is provided here: [Standing Advice Species Sheet: Bats](#).

We have not assessed the survey for [badgers](#), [barn owls and breeding birds¹](#), [water voles](#), [white-clawed crayfish](#) or widespread [reptiles](#). These are all species protected by domestic legislation and you should use our standing advice to assess the impact on these species.

We advise the authority to consider requesting biodiversity enhancements for the site in accordance with the [NPPF](#) and Section 40 of the [NERC Act](#).

¹ Unless [protected](#) by Schedule 1 of the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended).

If you would like guidance on how to use our standing advice, or how we used the standing advice to reach our conclusion, please email consultations@naturalengland.org.uk or call us on the number above.

Yours sincerely

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