

Ecology Team Consultation Response	
<b>Date:</b>	09.08.2024
<b>Planning Ref:</b>	4/24/2266/0F1
<b>Description:</b>	CONVERSION OF REDUNDANT BARNS TO 5 NO. RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS

### **Suggested Planning Condition(s)**

#### ***Barn Owls and Breeding Birds***

Due to the presence of a barn owl nest in Building 5 within an owl nesting box, all works on this development are to be undertaken outside of the breeding bird season which runs from March to August, inclusive.

If these buildings are required to be altered during the bird breeding season, then a further inspection by a suitably qualified ecologist is required no more than 24 hours before this process commences is necessary. This is to ensure that no active nest site is illegally disturbed or destroyed, due to the protection afforded to all active bird nests under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. If an active nest is found by a site inspection, an exclusion zone around the nest will be necessary to preserve this feature until the chicks have fledged the nest.

This is to protect the breeding season of other birds that have been found to use the site, such as swallows.

Additionally, upon completion of the works, bird boxes should be installed on site. Boxes which provide nesting opportunities for a wide range of bird species that are known to be present within the local areas include:

- Barn owl box
- Sparrow terrace (an integrated box should be used within the building)

#### ***Bats***

The bat survey identified that it is unlikely that bats are using the site. However, if bats are found during the works, then all works must stop, and a licenced bat ecologist contacted.