

Ecology Team Consultation Response	
Date:	19.06.2024
Planning Ref:	4/24/2044/0F1
Description:	Demolition of existing buildings and erection of a discount food store (use class E), alterations to vehicular and pedestrian access, provision of car and cycle parking, servicing area, hard and soft landscaping and associated works.

## Rejection – further information requested:

## Bats

One bat survey is required on Building B which is deemed to have low potential to support roosting bats. A survey must be undertaken within the main activity season for bats and before September. Bats are a protected species and surveys for their presence or likely absence cannot be conditioned.

## Biodiversity Net Gain

Whilst the baseline and proposed scores are favourable, in order for the LPA to accept the BNG scores and place a biodiversity condition on the development the metric must be submitted in excel format for the LPA to review. Therefore, please submit the statutory metric in excel form.

## **Conditions**

A Construction Ecological Method Statement needs to be produced to ensure that species groups of conservation concern are safeguarded during the construction phase. This method statement is to be submitted to the LPA for approval prior to works commencing and should follow Recommendations Section in Section 5.4 of the PEA and PRA report written by Total Ecology in January 2024.