



ECOLOGICAL ADVICE SERVICE

TO: *Ross McCardle*

FROM: *Helen Forster*

DATE: *08 October 2020*

SUBJECT: *Land south of Defiant Close, Hawkinge 20/0657/FH*

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No ecological information has been submitted as part of this application however we are satisfied that there is no requirement for an ecological survey to be carried out, as part of this application, for the following reason:

- The proposed development will not result in the loss of the vegetation boundary to the east of blocks 3 or 4 – this area has potential to be used by reptiles as it is connected to areas used as receptor sites.
- The proposed development will not result in the loss of the vegetated boundary to the west of block A.
- Large proportion of the site is hard standing or buildings – any vegetation present within the redline boundary will be largely retained within the proposal. The vegetation is isolated from adjacent habitats therefore limiting the potential for terrestrial species to have established.
- The buildings proposed for conversions to dwellings are made of materials which are not optimal for roosting bats.

If you have any queries regarding our comments, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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This response was submitted following consideration of the following documents:

No Ecology Documents