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Dear Stephen Kilmartin

App 3/2024/0121 Proposed extension of farmhouse and conversion of attached existing agricultural barn and adjacent agricultural building to form extended dwelling including creation of basement level with subterranean parking; demolition of other agricultural buildings and replacement with new agricultural stock shed with solar panels and new agricultural storage building to west of farmhouse, Cuckoo Hall Higher Road Longridge

Thank you for consulting the Ecology Unit on the above planning application.

- I would advise that the Method Statement proposed for avoiding harm to Bats (as described in the Bat Survey Report and Method Statement, Dave Anderson 02/2024) should be required to be implemented in full by Condition. All UK bats and their resting places are highly protected under the terms of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended).
- I would advise that the Barn Owl Method Statement proposed for compensating for lost roosting provision for Barn Owls (Dave Anderson 02/2024) should be required to be implemented in full by Condition. Barn Owls are highly protected under the terms of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended).
- While I would accept that on-site Landscaping could likely achieve at least the required 10% gain in Biodiversity as described in the Biodiversity Metric and the Biodiversity Gain Plan provided, I could not find details of site Landscaping in the Plans provided. Landscape details should be required by Condition.

Yours

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