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Ecology Team Consultation Response	
Date:	10.11.2026
Planning Ref:	4/26/2292/0F1
Description:	Erection of single detached dwelling and garage, with associated hard and soft landscaping and boundary treatments.

The County Ecologist confirms that the latest information submission is not ecology related and therefore the ecology consultation response from 01/10/26 remains unchanged.

Suggested Planning Conditions

Breeding Birds

Works should be completed outside of the breeding bird period (March – August inclusive). If this is not possible a breeding bird check should be carried out no more than 48 hours prior to the planned development to ensure no birds and their nests are present within habitat/buildings that may be directly or indirectly impacted. If active nests are discovered an appropriate buffer zone should be established and works within that area ceased until the young have naturally fledged.

Small Mammals

All development work should be carried out with care to avoid small mammals such as hedgehogs. Contractors should be briefed about the potential presence of small mammals and should adopt the following precautionary method of works:

- All work must take place during daylight hours.
- A staged approach will be adopted for vegetation clearance, whereby the vegetation will be strimmed to 15cm and left overnight to allow any animals to disperse. The vegetation can then be cleared to ground level and must be maintained at this level for the duration of construction to deter amphibians from the working area.
- Should any trenches and excavations be required, an escape route for animals that enter the trench must be provided, especially if left open overnight. Ramps should be no greater than of 45 degrees in angle. Ideally, any holes should be securely covered.
- All excavations left open overnight or longer should be checked for animals prior to the continuation of works or infilling. Back filling should be completed immediately after any excavations, ideally back filling as an on-going process to the work in hand.
- Stored materials should be raised (i.e. stored on pallets) in order to ensure that wildlife such as hedgehogs do not shelter in the piles.

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Enhancement Features

One bird box is to be integrated within the development to provide opportunities for breeding birds such as:

- Schwegler No. 17 swift nest box
- Schwegler 1SP sparrow terrace

One bat box is to be installed within building, such as:

- Vivara Pro WoodStone Bat Box
- The Habibat Bat Box;
- Green&Blue Bat Box.