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Arne,

**Application: SMD/2018/0177 Ivy Cottages, Greenway Bank, Biddulph, Staffordshire, ST8 7QY**
**Proposed demolition of existing garage and single storey rear and side extension**

**I object to the planning application on the grounds that there is insufficient information to determine the impact on protected species, in particular bats.**

The garages and store proposed to be demolished may have the potential to support populations of bats or breeding birds. Appropriate ecological surveys must be submitted to enable impacts be determined. Bat surveys should follow best practice in: Collins, J. (ed.) (2016) Bat Surveys for Professional Ecologists Good Practice Guidelines (3rd edn). The Bat Conservation Trust.

**Key legislation**

The Conservation Habitats and Species Regulations (2017) affords protection to all European protected species including bats.
It is an offence to:
intentionally or recklessly damage, destroy or obstruct access to any place that a wild bat uses for shelter or protection;
intentionally or recklessly disturb any wild bat whilst it is occupying a structure or place that it uses for shelter or protection.

Bats and breeding birds are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended).

Regards

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