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Subject: 21/00003/REFUSE | Erection of Farm Shop, Restaurant, Café Building, Dwellinghouse for Staff Accommodation, Biomass Heating Plant and Associated Works | Land North Of Piperdam Drive Piperdam Drive Piperdam Fowlis Dundee DD2 5LY (Original app reference 20/0

Dear Sarah (cc to agent)

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I refer to the additional information submitted by Ian Hiddleston dated 29 July 2021 and to subsequent correspondence inviting comments by Wednesday 11 August 2021.

The Caledonian Conservation Ltd Protected Species Survey Update Report (dated July 2021) appears to have been carried out by an appropriately qualified ecologist(s). The report indicates that the open habitat present within the site as result of recent clear fell operations is of limited suitability for protected species but identified seven potential bat roost features of low suitability in trees in and around the planned access and visibility splay and along the north boundary of the site.

The report (section 5) recommends mitigation and good practice measures prior to and during works to safeguard protected species. This includes a requirement for targeted bat roost surveys within 24 hours prior to felling or works close to trees in and adjacent to the access and visibility splays.

Having regard to the BCT Guidelines and the NatureScot Standing Advice for Planning Consultations – Bats, it is considered that the survey methodology and conclusions appear to be reasonable.

Planning condition(s) could be used to ensure that the mitigation measures identified with the Caledonian Conservation Ltd Protected Species Survey Update Report (dated July 2021) are carried out, in order to ensure that adverse effects on protected species are mitigated.

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