Online Comment

Application	H08-0899-26
Location	Land to West of The Cottage Birds Drove Surfleet PE11 4BE
Proposal	Change of use to equestrian, erection of stable block & store shed with hardstanding area & new fencing

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Date Submitted	22-10-26
For/Against	Comments

We have no significant concerns regarding the ecological impacts of this proposal. We recommend that the applicant remains ecologically mindful, and that all works cease if there is any risk of impacting nesting birds or protected species, with advice sought from a suitably qualified ecologist.

We request that a total of 3 integrated universal nest bricks (e.g., S Brick, Swift Nesting Brick, Manthorpe, Swift Bricks: The 'Universal' Nest Brick - by Dick Newell | CIEEM) are incorporated into the external fabric of one or both buildings. These should be located at a height of 4+ m metres, on the north or east elevations to avoid overheating, and grouped colonially where possible, in accordance with best-practice guidance such as British Standard BS 42021:2022. The bricks must be installed during the construction phase and retained thereafter for the lifetime of the development.
We also request that one integrated bat box (e.g., Integrated / Built-In Bat Boxes, Integrated Eco Bat Box | The Nestbox Company) is added to the development plans.

In both cases, the authority requires the applicant to submit sufficiently detailed maps that indicate the proposed location of bird/bat boxes on-site. These are required to enhance biodiversity and to be in line with the NPPF Policy N2 and Local Plan Policy 7.2.14. We recommend using condition ECO1 to secure these requests.