

MEMORANDUM

From:	Louise Aparo Ecology Officer		
Service	WBC Ecology	App No:	261371
Address:	The Pavilion, Matson Drive, Remenham, Wokingham, RG9 3HB.		
Proposal:	Full application for the proposed installation of safety netting to the boundary of the cricket ground and Remenham Lane along with associated works.		
Type of Development:	Minor All other developments		
Site Visit Made:	Yes/No		

Summary Of Recommendations

- ☐ No comment
☐ No objection
☐ No objection subject to conditions (and reasons) **stated below**
☒ **Request further information before determination as stated below**
☐ Objection due to the reason(s) **stated below**

Comments On Proposal

In principle, Ecology would support the proposed development. However, insufficient information has been provided to determine whether the proposed safety netting could adversely affect priority or protected species.

In line with the recommendations of the Trees and Landscape team, we require plans showing:

- The width and height of the adjacent hedgerow;
- The location of the safety netting in relation to the hedgerow i.e. proximity to the hedgerow;
- The specification and type of netting proposed; and
- The duration and timing of the netting's use. The Planning statement (3rd June 2026, Alex Cresswell Planning Consultancy) indicates the netting is removeable when not in use, but it would be good to understand the timings of use, for example evenings etc.

This information is necessary to assess the potential impacts of the netting on birds, particularly those in flight, as well as on commuting and foraging bats.

Our internal mapping database which indicates potential suitable bat habitat shows that areas of the western boundary of the cricket ground falls within an area of potential bat habitat. It is therefore important to demonstrate that the proposed netting will not create a barrier to movement or otherwise negatively affect bat

foraging behaviour. Until this information is provided, the ecological impacts of the proposal cannot be fully assessed.

Conditions & Reasons (if required)

N/A at this stage.

Date:	24/07/26	Signed:	L.Aparo
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