

16 October 2025



FAO Mr Anthony Scholes, Principal Planning Officer
Reading Borough Council
Civic Offices, Level 1 South
Bridge Street
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By e-mail Only

Dear Anthony

Demolition of Field House Ref: PL/25/0039
Confirmation of Bat Licence

We write with regard to the above application for demolition of Filed House at Leighton Park School. The Prior Demolition Notice of April 2025 included Condition 2, which requires that:

No works hereby permitted shall commence until a licence for development works affecting bats has been obtained from the Statutory Nature Conservation Organisation (Natural England) and a copy has been submitted to and approved in writing by the council. Thereafter mitigations measures approved in the licence shall be maintained in accordance with the approved details. Should conditions at the site for bats change and / or the applicant conclude that a licence for development works affecting bats is not required the applicant is to submit a report to the council detailing the reasons for this assessment and this report is to be approved in writing by the council prior to commencement of works.

We can confirm that the demolition works have been registered under the Bat Mitigation Low Impact Class Licence scheme (Ref: RC139-12509A) and that a Registered Ecologist (Georgina Starkie) has been appointed by the school to implement the licence as part of the demolition work. A copy of the confirmation e-mail from Natural England is enclosed. The bat licence is in place from 16 October until 31 March 2026, with demolition works scheduled to commence from late October/early November 2025.

We trust that this cover letter and enclosed confirmation are sufficient to address the requirements of Condition 2 and would request your written approval as per the wording of the Condition.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Watts', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr Matthew Watts

Director

Enc: E-mail Confirmation, 16 October 2025

Cc : Giles Sutton, Director, GS Ecology Ltd