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Sent: Wed, 14 Aug 2024 11:03:20 AM (UTC)
Subject: RE: Planning Consultation Request for case ref: 24/0524
From: Harris, Matthew (Ecology Officer) <Matthew.Harris@newport.gov.uk >
To: Sanders, Francesca (Senior Planning Officer) <Francesca.Sanders@newport.gov.uk >;

Hello Francesca,

I note NRW's response of 31st July 2024, and in my view their advice confirms that NRW would be likely to grant an EPS licence for the works proposed, provided the mitigation and compensation measures in the documents they have stipulated are implemented in full. Therefore provided the documents identified are included in the approved plans and documents condition, we should not refuse to grant consent for this application on the basis of impacts upon bats.

I do not recognise NRW's comment in relation to Dormice ' *We note and support your Authority's ecologist's request for a planning condition requiring a dormouse method statement*'. However I do support the proposal in section 3.3 of the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal that a Dormouse method statement should be produced in relation to the removal / translocation of the hedgerow along the frontage of the site. We should use a planning condition to secure the submission and implementation of this Dormouse method statement, in accordance with the proposals set out in section 3.3 of the PEA.

In general I support all of the biodiversity recommendations set out in section 4 of the PEA, so it may be easier to include this section of the PEA in the approved plans and documents condition. In particular, I would draw the Applicant's attention to the precautionary mitigation measures proposed in relation to reptiles, and to nesting birds.

On a related point, I support the Hedgerow Translocation Method Statement submitted in support of this application, and ask that the implementation of this method statement be secured by planning condition.

The Green Infrastructure Statement submitted is also adequate and I have no objection to this.

Matt Harris
Ecology Officer

-----Original Message-----

From: Harris, Matthew (Ecology Officer)
Sent: 26 June 2024 14:10
To: Sanders, Francesca (Senior Planning Officer) <Francesca.Sanders@newport.gov.uk >
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Francesca this building is a confirmed maternity roost for Lesser Horseshoe Bats, so we should consult NRW on this application if we have not already done so.

We should not grant consent until NRW have confirmed that they would be likely to issue an EPS licence for any works to proceed, based upon the impact of the development and any mitigation measures proposed.

In the meantime I will look at the rest of the application and provide full comments in due course.

Matt

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From: planning@newport.gov.uk <planning@newport.gov.uk >
Sent: 26 June 2024 12:14
To: Harris, Matthew (Ecology Officer) <Matthew.Harris@newport.gov.uk >

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Dear Head Of City Services

Please find attached correspondence from Newport Council with regards to the above planning application submitted on 15 June 2024.

Your sincerely
Development Management