

Cooke, Jacob (Senior Planning Officer)

From: Harris, Matthew (Ecology Officer)
Sent: 24 July 2025 12:22
To: Cooke, Jacob (Senior Planning Officer)
Subject: RE: Planning Consultation Request for case ref: 25/0530

Hello Jacob,

The site of the proposed development does not support any habitats which would require any ecological impact assessment, however the proposed building will be attached to the existing row of buildings, so would compromise any access to bat roosts or birds nests present in the gaps in brickwork and masonry on the southern elevation of those buildings.

However, the location of the buildings is a long way from any suitable foraging and commuting habitats for bats, so I do not see that asking for a bat survey is justified on this occasion. However we can never totally rule out the potential for bats to be present so we should attach our bat advisory note as below, to any consent granted.

In terms of nesting birds, the Applicant should be reminded that nesting birds are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981: Part 1, 1(1)(b), whereby it is an offence to intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while that nest is in use or being built.

Any biodiversity enhancement scheme, required by planning condition if consent is granted, should focus on urban-nesting bird species such as Swifts and House Martins, for example.

Matt

Bat Advisory Note

Bats often roost in houses and other buildings, and work on these buildings may disturb a bat roost. All bats and their roosts are protected against disturbance under UK and European legislation. If works are planned on a building in which bats are roosting, Natural Resources Wales (NRW) must be contacted for advice.

If work has already commenced and bats are found, or if any evidence that bats are using the site as a roost is found, work should cease and NRW should be contacted immediately.

Where there is a likelihood that bats are present, or where bats are found to be present, a suitably qualified and experienced ecological consultant should be contracted to provide an assessment of the impact of the proposed works, and undertake bat surveys if necessary.

Where bats or their roosts are present, no works of site clearance, demolition or construction should take place unless a licence to disturb these species and/or their roosts has been granted in accordance with the relevant legislation. Otherwise, a prosecution may result in a fine and/or imprisonment.

NRW can be contacted at:-

Natural Resources Wales, Tŷ Cambria, 29 Newport Road, Cardiff CF24 0TP, 0300 065 3000

Bat Conservation Trust can be contacted at:-

5th Floor, Quadrant House, 250 Kennington Lane, London, SE11 5DR, 0845 1300228

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From: planning@newport.gov.uk <planning@newport.gov.uk>

Sent: 24 July 2025 10:38

To: Harris, Matthew (Ecology Officer) <Matthew.Harris@newport.gov.uk>
Subject: Planning Consultation Request for case ref: 25/0530

Dear Head Of City Services

Please find attached correspondence from Newport Council with regards to the above planning application submitted on 4 July 2025.

Your sincerely
Development Management