

Ecology Consultation Response:

Hello Catherine, it's a borderline case in terms of bat roost potential, but on balance I would not ask for a bat survey on this occasion. The buildings are over 200m from the nearest foraging habitat, and bats generally roost close to where they can find food. The landscape is also well-lit with artificial light at night, which tends to deter bats.

If the application included demolition, then I might be more inclined to ask for a bat survey as an impact would be certain if a roost were present. But in this instance I think the works to the roofs of both buildings are relatively minor, so there is less potential risk of harm.

Normally if this proposal were consented I would ask that we attach a bat advisory note to any consent given, and ask for some proportionate enhancement measures, such as bat or bird boxes.

Matt