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Vicky I am sorry I have not been able to respond to this consultation sooner, but taking into account the nature and location of these buildings and the works proposed to them, I can only conclude that there is a reasonable likelihood of an impact upon roosting bats. Therefore any application should be supported by a bat survey to determine if this is the case.

In the first instance a preliminary survey of bat roost potential should be undertaken. This can take place at any time of year. The outcome of a preliminary roost assessment will include one of the following:-

- an adverse impact upon bats is so unlikely that no further action in relation to bats is necessary, or
- the likelihood of an impact is low, such that precautionary mitigation measures can reduce this likelihood still further, or
- the likelihood of an impact upon bats is high, so further survey are needed in order to establish exactly what the impact would be, or
- the outcome is uncertain due to, for example, lack of access to certain areas of the building, so further survey are needed in order to establish exactly what the impact would be, or
- the impact is certain and can be defined precisely on the basis of the preliminary assessment, such that no further surveys are needed, but a licence issued by NRW would be required to allow works to proceed legally.

Matt