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Hi Lydia, I can see that I'm very late in replying to this consultation, for which I apologise, but under normal circumstances I would ask for a bat survey for this application. The new building will join on to the roof of the existing building, and if any bats were present in that roof then they would inevitably be disturbed. As this is a cottage in a rural area, adjacent to a large block of woodland, it is a prime location for roosting bats. The Applicant should be aware that bats and their roosts are protected by law, and that any disturbance could result in a prosecution. So for their own peace of mind and to protect themselves against potential legal action, the Applicant should really commission a preliminary inspection to have an idea of the bat roost potential of the main building and to guide them through any mitigation measures needed.

Matt