

Webster, Ben (Planning Officer)

From: Harris, Matthew (Ecology Officer)
Sent: 03 November 2025 09:07
To: Webster, Ben (Planning Officer)
Subject: RE: Planning Consultation Request for case ref: 25/0857

Hello Ben, I have considered this application in relation to section 7.0, Figure 4 - 'Checklist for protected/priority Species Surveys' set out in the Wildlife and Development SPG, which sets out the criteria we use for deciding when a bat survey is needed. The nature and location of these buildings and the works proposed to them do not suggest that there is a reasonable likelihood of an impact upon roosting bats, so I would not ask for a bat survey.. We can never totally rule out the presence of bats, so I would ask that we attach an advisory note alerting the applicant to the fact that there is a low risk that bats may be present and advising them of what to do if bats are found during works.

Matt

Bat Advisory Note

Bats often roost in buildings, and work on these buildings may disturb a bat roost. All bats and their roosts are protected against disturbance under UK legislation. If works are planned on a building in which bats are known to be 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 found to be present, no works 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.

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: 27 October 2025 07:56
To: Harris, Matthew (Ecology Officer) <Matthew.Harris@newport.gov.uk>
Subject: Planning Consultation Request for case ref: 25/0857

Dear Head Of City Services

Please find attached correspondence from Newport Council with regards to planning application:

App Number: 25/0857

Address: Somerton Park Garage, Hand Car Wash Cromwell Road Newport NP19 0HT
Proposal: PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF DEMOLITION OF SINGLE STOREY STORE BUILDING

submitted on 9 October 2025.

View details of 25/0857 at Newport Council - Planning Online:

<https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpublicaccess.newport.gov.uk%2Fonline-applications%2Fplan%2F25%2F0857&data=05%7C02%7CMatthew.Harris%40newport.gov.uk%7C165b50083bb94eea309f08de152e36da%7C2c4d0079c52c4bb3b3cad8eaf1b6b7d5%7C0%7C0%7C638971485551757151%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMilslkFOljoITWVpbGlzIldUIjo%7C%7C%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Bbvso%2FZzrji5kSZAbIHVoA0uWck%2BYINnaCrSlz5M6Pc%3D&reserved=0>

Your sincerely
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