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Subject: RE: Planning Consultation Request for case ref: 25/0539

Hello Guy, I have considered the Bat Survey report v2.0 dated August 2024, and I agree with the methodology and conclusions of that report. No evidence of bats using this property was detected, so I would not object to the application on the basis of impacts upon bats.

There was evidence of nesting birds in the building, so 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.

Section 10.0 of the report sets out a number of measures to ensure biodiversity net benefit arising from this scheme, and we should use an appropriate condition to secure the implementation of these measures.

Matt