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Subject: RE: 25/1004 - Kensington Court Day Centre

Hello Vicky, this application is supported by a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) report dated August 2025, and I agree with the methodology and conclusions of that report. A number of recommendations are made in section 5.0 the Conclusions and Recommendations, and in particular section 5.16. We should secure the implementation of these measures using a planning condition. Where landscape planting is invoked as habitat mitigation, compensation or enhancement, then the landscaping plans should be agreed with our Landscape Advisors.

The buildings on site continue to show negligible bat roost potential, so as set out in my comments of 20th June 2022 in relation to 22/0546, I would not ask that the bat survey is repeated. Two trees to the south of the site were identified as having potential roost features for bats, but these are scheduled to be retained in the current plans. If this should change, and the trees are to be removed as part of this planning application, then a bat survey should take place.

The GI Statement is also adequate, though it largely reiterates the recommendations of the PEA report.

Matt