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**Subject:** RE: 25/0852 - 10 Clarence Place

Hello Vicky,

In their consultation response of 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 NRW have confirmed that they consider the proposed development is not likely to have a significant effect on the nearby River Usk SAC. I agree with this assessment so we should record the conclusion that as there is not likely to be a significant effect, an appropriate assessment is not needed.

Similarly, NRW have confirmed their view that the proposal is not likely to adversely affect the features of the River Usk SSSI, which I agree with.

The Ecological Inspection letter of 25<sup>th</sup> September concludes that the building has negligible or low potential to support roosting bats or nesting birds. I agree with this assessment and with the mitigation & enhancement measures set out at the end of that letter. NRW have also confirmed their agreement with the conclusions of this report.

As there is some potential for nesting birds on the site, including Pigeons for example, the Applicant should be advised to avoid disturbance to nesting birds which 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.

Similarly, we can never totally rule out the potential for roosting bats in a building such as this, so we should attach our bat advisory note to any consent granted.

Matt

### **Bat Advisory Note**

Bats often roost in houses and other buildings, and work on these buildings may disturb a bat roost. All bats and their roosts are protected against disturbance under UK and European legislation. If works are planned on a building in which bats are 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 present, no works of site clearance, demolition or

construction 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