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Subject: RE: Planning Consultation Request for case ref: 26/0464

Hello Vicky,

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 on this occasion. Instead, we should 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.

Specifically, the roofing material of the existing building seems to consist of single-skin corrugated metal or asbestos cement sheets which are generally not suitable for roosting bats, as they get too hot in summer and too cold in winter. There is a known bat roost nearby in Duckpool Road, but this is in a taller, older building with a tiled roof and gaps in masonry.

The scope for enhancing green infrastructure at this site is limited, so unless our Landscaping Advisors recommend any soft landscape planting, I would accept the GI Statement as submitted.

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 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 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
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