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To: "Jones, Jonathan (Student planning officer)" <Jonathan.Jones@newport.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Planning Consultation Request for case ref: 26/0004

Hello Jonathan, 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. Specifically, this is a relatively new building constructed since 1994, so is less likely to have features which bats could use to gain access to the roof structure. However we can never completely rule out the potential presence of bats so 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.

I have no other significant ecological concerns about this proposal.

Matt Harris
Ecology Officer

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 in a fine and/or imprisonment.

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: 12 January 2026 15:00

To: Harris, Matthew (Ecology Officer) <Matthew.Harris@newport.gov.uk>

Subject: Planning Consultation Request for case ref: 26/0004

Dear Head Of City Services

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

App Number: 26/0004

Address: 24A Gibbs Road Newport NP19 8AT

Proposal: ERECTION OF FRONT PORCH, TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION, DORMER ROOF EXTENSIONS AND OTHER EXTERNAL ALTERATIONS

submitted on 3 January 2026.

View details of 26/0004 at Newport Council - Planning Online:

<https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpublicaccess.newport.gov.uk%2Fonline-applications%2Fplan%2F26%2F0004&data=05%7C02%7CMatthew.Harris%40newport.gov.uk%7Ca52ca14302854fc355b408de51eb39fe%7C2c4d0079c52c4bb3b3cad8eaf1b6b7d5%7C0%7C0%7C639038268075758066%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiliSkFOIjoiTWVpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=0Q8%2BA%2B72ajsT0AdZ6DpWe9QmoGbqaA4tZfkzdhprjF8%3D&reserved=0>

Your sincerely

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