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Subject: RE: Planning Consultation Request for case ref: 25/0976

Hello Lydia, I can see that the new details provided subsequent to my comments in November have clarified the impact on trees at this site, so I agree that a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal is no longer needed as tree removal is minor, and limited to very young trees.

The Applicant should be reminded 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.

I note that some crown lifting of mature trees is proposed. Therefore we should attach our Bat Advisory Note to any consent granted.

Matt

Bat Advisory Note

Bats often roost in trees, and work on these trees 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 tree 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 found to be present, no works of tree felling or removal of major limbs 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