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Subject: RE: Planning Application 25/0142

Hello Harpreet, I would not ask for a bat survey to support this application as the proposed works are minor in relation to the existing building, which is of relatively recent construction. However we can never totally rule out the presence of bats, so we should attach our Bat Advisory Note as below, if consent is granted.

I am concerned at the apparent removal of the conifer hedge and what looks to be a young Yew tree in the front garden of the property, to accommodate alterations to the driveway. These features may support nesting birds, and the Applicant should be advised that nesting birds 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.

Any biodiversity enhancement scheme required by planning condition should seek to compensate for any loss in nesting habitat, and result in an overall net benefit.

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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Good afternoon Matt,

Do you have any comments for planning regarding this application?

Kind regards

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