

Thank you for forwarding this.

I have some concern as the building is categorised – quite rightly in my view – as having ‘moderate’ potential for bats. Unfortunately there has been less than the normally required amount of bat survey effort. Surveys on the evening of the 17th July and the morning of the 18th July appear to have been counted as two visits but the requirement is to consider this as one visit. A moderate potential bldg. needs at least two visits. There were found to be 4 spp of bats in the environs of the bldg..

I think this point needs to be put back to the applicant please in order that they can raise it with their ecologist. The issue is that not enough survey has been done to have sufficient confidence that any bat presence will have been picked up.

It may be that we need to await further survey in the 2018 season and/or make more specific provisions in the proposed development to accommodate bats. Their ecologist would be welcome to discuss this with me.

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