

Dear Lisa Jackson

SMD/2024/0280

Erection of replacement dwelling

52 Anselm, Sandon Road, Cresswell, Staffordshire, ST11 9RB

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust has been asked to review the above application as part of a service level agreement with Staffordshire Moorlands District Council to provide ecology advice regarding planning and development management functions.

We have viewed the following documents:

- Block Plan and Street Scene (Drawing ref: 23-019.100 Rev A, dated 04/08/23)
- Bat Emergence and Re-entry Survey Report (Arbtech, May 2024)

SUMMARY – Having reviewed the information provided we have a **holding objection** – further information required:

1. Preliminary Ecological Appraisal and Preliminary Roost Assessment Report

Secure via condition should approval be granted:

2. Details/specification for species enhancement measures i.e. bat boxes.

FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

We require a copy of the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) and Preliminary Roost Assessment (PRA) report before making further comments.

BAT SURVEY

We have reviewed the Bat Emergence and Re-entry Survey Report (Arbtech, May 2024). The survey was conducted by suitably experienced ecologists at an appropriate time of year during suitable weather conditions. We agree with the conclusion that bats are unlikely to be roosting at the current time. These comments are made on the assumption that the buildings are of 'low' potential to support roosting bats.

We may wish to revise our comments relating to bats on receipt of the PEA/PRA report.

We note the recommendation for installation of two artificial bat boxes on the completed dwelling. This is welcomed and it is recommended that the number, location, specification and installation of these features is secured via planning condition.

Regards,

Dated 19 July 2024