

No ecological information has been provided with the application. However, considering the nature of the proposed works, no further survey effort is deemed necessary as protected species surveys should only be requested when there is a reasonable likelihood of the species being present and impacted by a development.

Nevertheless, protected species can turn up in unexpected places and the granting of planning permission does not negate the need to abide by the laws which are in place to safeguard biodiversity. An informative should be used so that the applicant is aware that they must seek ecological advice should they find or suspect that the proposals will impact on protected species.

Additionally, planning policy encourages enhancements and net gains for biodiversity to be delivered through the planning system. Wherever possible measures to enhance the site for biodiversity should be secured as part of this planning application, and could include integration of bat or bird boxes into the site.

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