

For the attention of Helen Pressley

Application: 70470

Dear Helen,

We have considered the submitted information and have no specific comments to make on this application.

We have used remote sensing and local biological records to consider the likelihood that the type of structure would support bats or breeding birds and the likelihood is negligible for both.

As with most planning applications the following general advice applies:

- 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 and implement ecological advice should they find or suspect that the proposals will impact on protected species.
- Work that will impact on habitats where nesting birds may be present (for example demolition of a building or works to trees and other vegetation including undergrowth like bramble), should not be undertaken in the main bird nesting season (March – August) unless suitable checks for active bird nests have been undertaken.
- Planning policy (NPPF) 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. I would suggest that this type of development would be suited to installation of swift bricks and/or bat bricks.

Yours sincerley,

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