

Summary

There appear to be no ecological issues associated with this development.

Bats

A valid bat report has been provided. No evidence of bats was recorded and all buildings assessed as having negligible bat roosting potential. I have no reason to doubt the findings of the report. No further information or measures are required.

Nesting Birds

No evidence of nesting birds was recorded. No suitable nesting opportunities appear to be present. I am therefore satisfied that no further information or measures are required.

Contributing to and Enhancing the Natural Environment & Biodiversity Net Gain

Section 174 of the NPPF 2021 states that the planning policies and decisions should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment. The site has no vegetated habitats and no apparent wildlife value. The proposed soft landscaping plan includes native trees. I am therefore satisfied that the development will result in a significant enhancement of biodiversity on the site. With regards wildlife, given the poor habitat for bats and nesting birds nearby, I am satisfied that no mitigation or enhancement is required. *The soft landscape proposals can be conditioned.*

Ecologist

Planning

Planning and Transportation

Place