

Summary

No evidence of bats roosting was identified.

Bats

A dusk survey has been provided in-line with the recommendations of the initial bat assessment. No evidence of bats emerging from the building was identified. I have no reason to doubt the findings of the report. No further survey effort is required. I recommend an informative along the following lines is applied to any permission.

Whilst the building to be converted has been assessed as very low risk for bats, the applicant is reminded that under the 2019 Regulations it is an offence to disturb, harm or kill bats. If a bat is found all work should cease immediately and a suitably licensed bat worker employed to assess how best to safeguard the bat(s).

Nesting Birds

No evidence of nesting birds was recorded. My previous recommendation of the 18th April 2024 therefore still applies.

Contributing to and Enhancing the Natural Environment & Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG)

Section 180 of the NPPF 2023 states that the planning policies and decisions should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment. As no evidence of bats or nesting birds was recorded, no specific mitigation is required. As enhancement I recommend provision of one bird box. The details can be conditioned.