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Subject: RE: Planning application 69572 137 The Rock

Hi Dean

Thank you for sending the bat report.

Bat Survey Report

Two bat surveys were carried out as full access was not provided for the first survey. No evidence of bat roosting was recorded during either survey. I have no reason to doubt the findings of the report, with bat activity low and the first record of a bat well after sunset on both occasions, which is indicative of bats travelling to the site. As individual bats can on occasion turn up in unexpected locations, I recommend an informative along the following lines is applied to any permission.

Whilst the building to be converted has been assessed as 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). Natural England should also be informed.

Nesting Birds

No evidence was recorded. I therefore recommend an informative along the following lines is applied to any permission.

The applicant is reminded that, under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 as amended it is an offence to remove, damage, or destroy the nest of a wild bird, while the nest is in use or being built. Planning consent does not provide a defence against prosecution under this act. If a birds nest is suspected work should cease immediately and a suitably experienced ecologist employed to assess how best to safeguard the nest(s).

Contributing to and Enhancing the Natural Environment

Section 174 of the NPPF 2021 states that the planning policies and decisions should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment. I would recommend one sparrow terrace as enhancement as part of any permission. *The details can be conditioned.*

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