

Summary

Bats

A valid assessment of the outstanding structures has been provided. These buildings were assessed as having negligible bat roosting potential. I have no reason to doubt the findings of the report. My previously recommended informative of the 29th November 2023 still applies.

Nesting Birds

The additional information does not materially change the value of the site for nesting birds. My previous recommendation of the 13th November still applies.

Himalayan Balsam

The additional information does not materially change the value of the site for nesting birds. My previous recommendation of the 13th November still applies.

Contributing to and Enhancing the Natural Environment & Biodiversity Net Gain

The biodiversity net gain assessment indicates a small loss on site of biodiversity. Off-site planting has been proposed on additional land owned by the applicant that more than compensates for the loss of habitat on the site. I recommend that the details of the on and off site compensation are conditioned. Mitigation for nesting birds should also be provided