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Subject: Planning application 67946 - Milltown Footbridge - Planning Bat Survey

Hi Dean

Bats

The bat report found no evidence of bats, the survey including an internal assessment and one dusk survey. Only low levels of bat activity was identified. The consultant's have therefore concluded that the demolition of the building is very unlikely to negatively impact on bats. I have no reason to doubt the findings of the report. 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 demolished 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 during demolition 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.

The report will remain valid until May 2024 at which time an update should be provided.

My recommendation regarding other potential ecological issues of the 24th February 2022 remain unchanged

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