

Summary

Nesting birds may be present

Bats

Building 1 was assessed as having low bat roosting potential. One emergence survey was carried out and no evidence of bats recorded with extremely low bat activity recorded. I have no reason to doubt the findings of the report. No further information or measures are required.

Nesting Birds

Feral pigeon and pied wagtail were suspected of nesting across the site. All British birds nests and eggs (with certain limited exceptions) are protected by Section 1 of the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981, as amended, prior approval does not provide a defence against prosecution under this act.

Pigeons are capable of breeding throughout the year. Nesting feral pigeons have legal protection under the terms of the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) but are also listed as a pest species and a 'general license' can be applied for from Natural England to allow work to proceed that would damage pigeon's nests, if present.

I therefore recommend that demolition occur outside the bird nesting season or a license is acquired from Natural England to destroy feral pigeon nests.

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