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Hi Steven

Thank you for consulting the GMEU

Summary

The developer's bat consultant identified no significant ecological issues. Issues relating to bats, nesting birds and biodiversity enhancement measures can be resolved via condition and or informative.

Bats

The building was visually assessed for bats and two dusk surveys carried out, by an experienced consultancy at an appropriate time of year. No evidence of bats roosting was identified. It can therefore be concluded that the development is very unlikely to negatively impact on the favourable conservation status of any bat species. The consultant noted that use by individual bats on occasion cannot however be totally ruled out. I therefore recommend an informative along the following lines is applied to any permission.

Whilst the building to be extended 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 reference to birds nesting on the building has been made. I therefore assume they are absent. No bird nesting habitat appears to be impacted in the form of trees or shrubs. As there is an element of doubt relating to the building owing to the omission of any reference, I 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 170 of the NPPF 2019 states that the planning policies and decisions should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment. There appears to be no impact on any habitats and in terms of species, only the loss of potential bat roosting features. I recommend that one bat box, brick etc as outlined in the bat report is applied, as mitigation/enhancement measures. ***The details can be conditioned.***

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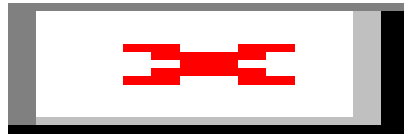
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