

Bats

A valid bat report has been provided for the buildings assessed as low and moderate risk. No evidence of bats roosting was detected and only low levels of bat activity, the first bat activity recorded well after dusk indicating no bat roosts in close proximity to the building. I therefore have no reason to disagree with the findings of the assessment. No further surveys of these buildings is required. As individual bats can on occasion turn up in unexpected locations, I recommend an informative along the following lines is applied to any permission for the buildings surveyed.

Whilst the development has been found to be 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 all work should cease immediately and a suitably licensed bat worker employed to assess how best to safeguard the bat(s).

The additional information has not however clarified the other issue relating to the stables ie they do not appear to have been assessed, though the dusk surveys would tend to indicate that no bats are present nearby. *I therefore recommend clarification from the bat consultant whether or not further survey for the stables is required.*

Nesting Birds

The dusk surveys confirmed that swallows are still nesting in the outbuildings. My previous recommendations therefore still apply.

My other recommendations of the 13th November remain unchanged.