

Updated GMEU response

Dusk Survey

A dusk survey was carried out late in the season but within the period I indicated may be acceptable. The consultant has put together a case for why an emergence survey this late in the season should be accepted, which appears reasonable and is within the guidelines for bat surveys. I therefore have no reason not to accept the findings of the report.

No bats were seen emerging from the building with only low levels of bat activity recorded. It can therefore be concluded that the development is unlikely to negatively impact on the conservation status of bats in the locality. 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 development 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.

Mitigation and Enhancement

I recommend one integrated bat brick is added to the new dwelling. ***The details can be conditioned.***