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Subject: RE: Bat Emergence Survey - Wesley House 2024/92105

Hi Nina,

The report confirms that the building is highly unlikely to have a bat roost.

I would recommend a lighting strategy and an enhancement of a hibernation box.
I'd also add in an informative for birds:

Suggested conditions

Lighting strategy

No works are to commence unless a detailed lighting scheme, developed in accordance with established guidance (e.g. Bat Conservation Trust and Institute of Lighting Professionals (2023) Bats and Artificial Lighting at Night), has been drafted and agreed with the council. The Sensitive Lighting Strategy will demonstrate that the proposed lighting will not impact upon ecological networks and/or sensitive features. Thereafter the agreed lighting scheme shall be implemented, subject to any variations approved in writing by the planning authority. All external lighting shall be installed strictly in accordance with the specifications and locations set out within the Lighting Strategy.

Reason: In the interests of biodiversity and in accordance with Policy LP30 and NPPF15

Enhancements

A Biodiversity Enhancement Management Plan must be provided to the LPA prior to the commencement of works on-site. It must include the following items that will be installed post development:

- 1 no. hibernation bat box

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Informatives

Birds

All works should be timed to occur outside nesting bird season (typically March to August, inclusive). If this is not possible all potential bird nesting opportunities must be checked by a suitably experienced ecologist within 24 hours prior to works. If any active nests are found, the ecologist should advise on suitable species-specific works exclusion zones. The exclusion zones should be regularly monitored by the ecologist and remain in place until the young have fledged the nest, or the nests are otherwise deserted.

Reason: In order that the proposals are implemented in accordance with the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended).

Many thanks,
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