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Hi Tamara

Many thanks for your email.

Unfortunately, no ecological information was submitted with this householder application. As the proposal specifically mentions that new replacement tiles will be fitted on the roof, there is clearly is a potential risk to bats, which are European Protected Species. Since there are over 30 records for bats within 2km and 2 European Protected Species Mitigation Licences have been granted within 1.5km of the site, we consider there is a high risk to bats from this proposal.

We recommend that a Preliminary Roost Assessment (PRA) needs to be carried out by a suitably qualified ecologist. This is not the same as a survey, it is an assessment which can be undertaken at any time of the year. The information provided by a PRA ensures that the LPA has certainty of likely impacts on legally protected species before determination and that any mitigation can be secured, as required under the LPA's statutory duties.

Government Standing Advice for bats states the following:

When to ask for a survey

You should ask for a survey if a development proposal is likely to negatively affect bats or their:

- *roost habitats*
- *foraging habitats*
- *commuting habitats*

A survey is needed if one or more of the following applies:

- *distribution and historical records suggest bats may be present - you can search the National Biodiversity Network Atlas by species and location*

- *the development site includes buildings or other built structures, underground structures or trees that provide roosting opportunities for bats*

This application will potentially affect bat roost features in a building and the distribution and historical records suggest that bats may be present.

I have checked application DC/23/1887 and can see that our response highlighted that the ecology report was out of date according to CIEEM guidelines and that subsequently, the application was refused on 25th January 2024.

I hope this is helpful, but if you need further info, please let us know.

Best wishes
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