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Ecology Comments

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Hi Simon,

This application should be put on hold until the results of the protected species surveys have been completed.

The PEA states that further surveys are recommended. Some have partially been completed such as the Interim Bat Survey. But outstanding surveys are required for Bats (full assessment), Dormice, GCN and Badgers.

Protected Species

Habitat that could support a range of protected and notable species was identified during the PEA Survey. As a result, to establish a baseline for the Site's ecological features, further surveys / scoping assessments have been recommended (and have been subsequently completed / are in progress) for bats^{1,2,3}, great crested newts *Triturus cristatus*, hazel dormice *Muscardinus avellanarius*, reptiles, and badgers *Meles meles*⁴. Precautionary, pre-site clearance checks for nesting birds (depending on the timing of site clearance) and for badgers have been recommended.

Interim Bat Survey.

Next Steps

5.3.1 Further transect and static detector surveys will be conducted in spring and summer 2025 to provide a full assessment of the site's importance to bats and the distribution of bat species on site

We need the results of these surveys before the application can be determined.

Regards,

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