

Hi Joe,

Apologies for missing this one!

Based on the photographs provided I am content to agree that the likelihood of bats being present and impacted is very limited. The small building is in poor condition overall, but from the images provided I would suggest that the overall structure does not exhibit suitable bat roosting features.

If you are minded to grant permission can I suggest that an informative note is added to any permission, reminding the applicant of the legal protection afforded bats and that the proposed work should be carried out sensitively to ensure that impacts continue to be avoided. For example:

Bats and their roosts are protected under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017. All work must stop immediately if bats, or evidence of bat presence (e.g. droppings, bat carcasses or insect remains), are encountered at any point during development works - should this occur, further advice should be sought from Natural England and/or a professional ecologist.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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