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Subject: RE: Bechstein's bat concerns with App/19/00427

Hi Daphney,

Yes, there is no evidence that the site supports Bechstein's bat. The bat surveys carried out did not record this or similar species and impacts to suitable Bechstein's foraging/commuting habitat are extremely minimal. It is my judgement that Bechstein's bats are not a constraint at this site.

The Bechstein's bat buffer area is being revised to reflect the most recent data (it will require constant revision as new information comes in). Its purpose is to highlight the potential presence of the species in the landscape, not to show where the bat is present. It is based purely on a 3km buffer zone around known records – it does not infer that all habitat within that zone is suitable or occupied. On current data the species is most likely to occur where a combination of ancient woodland, parkland and unimproved grassland occurs and records are from a concentrated zone around Horndean and Rowland's Castle.

Hope this assists?

Kind regards,

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