

Dear Mr D Eaves,

APP/21/00695 - The Oaks Crematorium, Bartons Road, Havant - Alterations and construction of a single storey extension to the crematorium building.

Thank you for your consultation.

Developments that affect building roofs can affect bats, which are legally protected. Circular 06/2005 identifies that the presence of a protected species is a material consideration when a planning authority is considering a development proposal that, if carried out, would be likely to result in harm to the species or its habitat, and therefore that it is essential that the presence or otherwise of protected species, and the extent that they may be affected by the proposed development, is established before the planning permission is granted.

The Circular however also identifies that applicants should not be required to provide information on protected species unless there is a reasonable likelihood that they will be present and affected by the proposed development.

The application site is of modern construction, and the work will affect a small portion of the roof where there is no roof void and hardstanding. As such, I would consider there to be no reasonable likelihood that bats would be present and affected and I would raise no specific concerns over this proposal.

Please do contact me if you need any further information.

Kind Regards

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