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Dear Helen,

Further to my previous comments, I have been in contact with Yorkshire Wildlife Trust regarding the bat interest relevant to these applications. Laura Hobbs of YWT has helpfully provided the following;

“Looking at this report (with NYM/2019/0527/LB) it seems only a single emergence survey was undertaken in July this year with no justification for why further surveys were not completed. Whilst the ecologist appears to have gathered a lot of information from this single survey it is not sufficient to obtain a licence as additional species/numbers/usage of the roost might have been missed. In accordance with BCT guidance we would expect a minimum of three surveys spread across the season, at least one dusk and one dawn, in order to inform appropriate mitigation and compensation incorporated into the design of the proposals. If these have since been provided I’d be happy to review in more detail, but would advise (as EPS are a material consideration) that the application is not determined until this has been reviewed.”

I agree with Laura that at present there is insufficient information to inform the obtaining of an EPSL which is required for the exclusion of bats from the roof to go ahead. Therefore we will require the additional two activity surveys that will be needed to obtain an EPSL to be completed and the report submitted to us before planning permission can be granted.

Many thanks,

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