Dear Hilary,

I note from the bat scoping report, than in addition to the potential for bat roosts, there were a number of bird nests observed that could be actively in use during the breeding season. This means that if consent is granted for this development that there is a likelihood that some form of condition restriction timing of work commencement will be required in order to prevent disturbance of breeding birds.

I note from Sara's response that a further bat survey is required before permission can be granted. Once the survey report has been received by the authority I will review the evidence in light of any bat mitigation that may be required and comment further on the bird interest involved in this application.

Many thanks,

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