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Subject: Comments on NYM/2016/0522/CVC - Case Officer Mrs H Saunders - Received from Ms Sara Robin at 1 St Georges Place, York, YO24 1GN

Comments:

I have read the survey by MRT Ecology which shows that there are at least two bat roosts in the buildings surveyed. The building to be converted does contain a roost which is either a small maternity roost or a male roost. A nearby barn appears to be used by larger numbers of bats.

I am happy with the suggested mitigation which will ensure that roosts are not lost, and so a European protected Species Licence will not be required. However there are two important additions to Section 5: Required Actions:

- A non-breathable membrane must be used on the roof under the tiles. Modern breathable membranes have fibres in them which can trap and kill bats. Leaving access for bats in the roof if they are then trapped in the membrane is not good practise.
- Only bat friendly chemicals must be used if the roof timbers are treated see <http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20161026000001/http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/31005> for a list of approved chemicals.

Rona may want to comment on the information on nesting swallows.

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