RE: Bat report at Redmire Farm, Tranmire

John Drewett To 'Angela Thompson 05/10/2010

Dear Angela

I am still operating, but have changed address and telephone number – see below for details.

The additional survey which was recommended in my report and presumably the subject of the condition is a <u>summer</u> survey, which can only be carried out between May and August. This was recommended because our original survey was undertaken in November and whilst some evidence of bats was found, no indication as to the whereabouts, type or significance of the roost could be gathered at that time because bats are generally inactive in winter.

If bats are present, it is likely that a licence from Natural England will be required in addition to your planning permission before any work starts. The conditions for issuing licences are strict and require up to date and accurate information about the bats in order to determine if mitigation being proposed is appropriate. Therefore, a summer survey is almost certainly going to be necessary. If you would like us to do this next May I can include it in our survey programme and provide you with a gradient of the condition.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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