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Bob
An ecological appraisal has been carried out and the required activity surveys for bats have now been completed. There are a range of potential protected and priority species on site for which protective measures will need to be taken during construction and for which there will need to be some mitigation in terms of loss of opportunities and habitat on site.
Adherence to section 5.3.2 of the Preliminary ecological Appraisal (September 2020, Ridgeway Ecology Ltd) and to the Site Plan 'Ecological mitigation and enhancement' (drawing PA-103). These together form a 'CEMP' and can be conditioned as they are (although note that further bat measures will be needed beyond those shown but these will be covered by a licence).

There are three bat roosts on site (two of which are rarer species). The mitigation proposed within the bat survey report is likely to be sufficient to gain a licence from Natural England to carry out the work given the low numbers of individuals involved. The need for a bat licence must be conditioned.
The outlined enhancements on site are generally sufficient to ensure there will no overall net loss for biodiversity on site. Given their limited extent I do not think we would need additional ecological management information on these, however bat and bird boxes (where not integrated) and swallow cups etc.. are likely to need checking periodically and potentially replacing. Log piles may need adding to over the years.
Please get back to me with any queries.

Kind regards
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