

ONLINE CONSULTEE RESPONSE ON PLANNING APPLICATION 18/10038

Location CORRIE, KITWALLS LANE, MILFORD-ON-SEA
SO41 0RJ

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Comment Only received from NEW FOREST ECOLOGIST

Comment: The proposal is in a location where the presence of protected species (nesting birds/roosting bats) cannot be ruled out. However following discussion with the case officer ,and given the nature and scale of the development, age of the structures and other case specific issues, the likelihood and severity of harm may be a lower risk. I am therefore minded that in this particular case further details are not required and that the legal protection afforded to protected species would be sufficient to ensure operations avoid direct harm. This conclusion would need to be reviewed in the event of any future applications.

The applicant should note that lack of ecological objection does not mean due regard is not required during the project planning and delivery phases. Advice should be sought from a suitably experienced ecologist in the event of any uncertainty.

An advisory would be helpful noting that presence of protected species cannot be assumed and that if protected species (e.g. bat species, evidence of their use or nesting birds) are encountered during works, operations should immediately stop and advice should be sought from a suitably qualified and experienced ecologist. Causing disturbance or harm to bat species, or their places of rest, or to bird species at the nest is a criminal offence.