James

Further to your recent consultation on the above application and the submitted information: -

- Letter re survey from SCF Services (undated, survey date 19 July 2021)
- Data search from an appropriate recording body (22 July 2021)

I have the following comments to make: -

- Both of these reports should be considered confidential and not be placed on the public record.
- The information provided is sufficient to address the matters raised in GMEU's earlier consultation response (2021/0291 - June 6 2021 see attached).
- The letter proposes typical reasonable avoidance measures and I would suggest that the applicant's attention is drawn to the protected status of the mammals concerned and the items referred to within the submitted letter. Protected species and in this case their place of shelter are protected at all times and should large mammals be found or suspected (ie holes and/or excavations) all work should cease until such time advice which has been sought and implemented from a suitably qualified consultant. This can be achieved via an informative attached to any permission if granted.
- The other matters referred to within our previous response in relation to external lighting scheme and any potential landscape proposals (including biodiversity enhancements) can be secured, agreed and subsequently implemented via the use of <u>conditions</u> attached to any permission if granted.

I am satisfied that the proposal can be forwarded for determination in respect of biodiversity. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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