

Biodiversity Consultation Response

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

Date: 14/02/2019

Planning Application Ref: P2019/0106

Our Ref: 2019/077

5 BARN COTTAGES, BRITON FERRY BIODIVERSITY COMMENTS

The Countryside and Wildlife Team, in responding to the above application, provides the following substantive response:

No comment	☐
No objection (subject to any specified conditions below)	☐
Concerns have been identified (see below for how those concerns can be addressed by the applicant)	☒
Objection – on the grounds set out below	☐

Comments and recommendations:

Surveys and other requirements needed prior to determination:

Prior to determination of the application the following information is required to be submitted to inform the decision:

- **Bat Survey**

As it is currently too early in the season to undertake a full survey, we suggest that an initial building assessment be undertaken to first establish the suitability of the building for use by bats. This is termed a preliminary survey and does not look for signs of the presence of bats. This can be done at any time of year, and may negate the need for a full survey if the building is then classed as having low/negligible potential, or confirm the need for a full survey if the building is classed as having medium/high potential.

Conditions:

If the application is to be granted it is recommended that the following be conditioned into the permission:

- None

Informatives:

If the application is to be granted it is recommended that the following informative notes be included in the permission:

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- None

The Authority must seek to maintain and enhance biodiversity in the exercise of functions in relation to Wales, and in so doing promote the resilience of ecosystems, so far as consistent with the proper exercise of those functions, under the Environment (Wales) Act 2016. It is therefore essential that the above recommendations for the conservation of biodiversity be followed to ensure that the Planning Authority complies with this statutory requirement along with the adopted guidance in the Biodiversity supplementary planning guidance and TAN 5 (2009).

If you require further clarification of any of the above points please contact Rebecca Sharp.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Price'.

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