



BATS AND PLANNING PERMISSION

Bats have special legal protection under the Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 1994 which implements the EC Directive 92/43/EEC in the United Kingdom, and they could be found in any building in the District. In cases where bats are known to be present in a building, in the vicinity of a building, or in cases involving conversion of all farm outbuildings to commercial, residential or other use, a Bat Survey **MUST** be submitted with the application. The survey should be carried out by a suitably trained and experienced specialist at appropriate times of year. The survey report must specify;

- the methodology used in the survey,
- the species found, if any, and the use which they make of the building,
- together with an assessment of the impact of the proposal upon them, and proposed measures for mitigation and compensation.

Six copies of the report must be submitted with the application to allow for consultations to be carried out. Any application for these types of development that are submitted without a Bat survey cannot be determined, and will be refused for the reason that insufficient information has been provided.

If it emerges during the life of any application that Bats are present you are likely to be asked to withdraw the application and to resubmit once a survey is available, otherwise the current application will be refused.

General advice on Bats can be sought from the Bat Conservation Trust at Unit 2, 15 Cloisters House, 8 Battersea Park Road, London SW 8 4BG – 020 76272629 or at <http://www.bats.org.uk/>

Professional Ecological surveyors can be sought at the Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management at 45 Southgate Street Winchester SO23 9EH – tele: 01962 868626 www.ieem.org.uk



GREAT CRESTED NEWTS AND PLANNING PERMISSION

Great Crested Newts have similar legal protection, and where they are known to be present at a site, or the site is within 500 m of a known Great Crested Newt colony, and the proposed works are likely to affect them, a similar requirement will apply.

General advice on Newts can be sought at White Lodge London Road Peterborough PE7 OLG 01733 558844 or at <http://www.froglife.org/info.htm>

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