

Subject: FW: Bat surveys at Carn Gwaval and Nowhere

Consultation with Bat Warden from Isles of Scilly Bat Group

Normal full reports are considered unnecessary for the following applications:

P/17/065/FUL: Carn Gwaval Health & Wellbeing Centre, Carn Gwaval, St Mary's

Premises visited on Tuesday 12/9/17; conditions cloudy, dry, 15 deg.C, light wind.

A section of wall on the west elevation will be affected by the extension and an open storage area in front of this, used for the storage of prams etc, will need to be demolished. There are no signs of bat habitation there and the wall has no likely access points. We do not consider that interference with bats should be a reason against the refusal of the application.

P/17/067/FUL: Nowhere, Old Town, St Mary's

Premises visited on Tuesday 12/9/17; conditions cloudy, dry, 15 deg.C, light wind.

Existing tiles, which are to be replaced, lack any obvious openings for bat entry. The fascia boards will not be affected. The roof has a Velux skylight on the S side. The felt surround is said to be in poor condition but no bats enter the house. We do not consider that interference with bats should be a reason against refusal of the application.

It is recommended that the standard cautionary bat informatives are placed on any grants of planning permission as follows:

Bat Discovery Informative

'The Applicant is reminded of the provisions of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and the E.C. Conservation (Natural Habitats) Regulations Act 1994, the Habitat and Species Regulations 2012 and our Natural and Environment and Rural Communities biodiversity duty. This planning permission does not absolve the applicant from complying with the relevant law protecting species, including obtaining and complying with the terms and conditions of any licences required, as described in part IV B of Circular 06/2005. Care should be taken during the work and if bats are discovered, they should not be handled, work must stop immediately and a bat warden contacted.'

Extra care should be taken during the work, especially when alterations are carried out to buildings if fascia boards are removed as roosting bats could be found in these areas. If bats are found to be present during work, they must not be handled. Work must stop immediately and advice sought from licensed bat wardens in the first instance (R. Williams 01720 424315, M. And A. Gurr 01720 422224) or Natural England (01872 245045). Or, if none is available, The Bat Conservation Trust's National Bat Helpline on 0845 1300 228.'