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Your ref: EN010147



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Dear John Wheadon,

**Re: NSIP Reference: EN010147**

**Natural England's Response to Your Request for Information**

**Examining authority's submission deadline: 9<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Thank you for contacting Natural England with your request for information. You have asked us to provide an update on the progress of protected species Letters of No Impediment (LONIs) and whether we consider that a bat mitigation licence should be sought.

Natural England have issued the following LONIs:

1. Badgers, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2025 (available on the document library as [REP6-050])
2. Dormouse 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025
3. Great Crested Newt 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026

We do not anticipate issuing any more LONIs, and we are not expecting that a bat mitigation licence needs to be sought. The development has been designed to avoid direct impacts to bat roosts. Should any trees to be removed as part of the application be found to support a roost, we expect the applicant to go through the standard licensing process.

If you have any further questions please contact the case officer at [██████████@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:██████████@naturalengland.org.uk).

Yours faithfully,

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