



Natural Environment Team

To: Planning Services

Name: Regulation 13 -

Ref: FUL/2020/0033

Date: 14/09/20

Title: Wells-next-the-Sea Fire Station, Burnt Street, Wells-Next-The-Sea, NR23
1HW: Replacement of existing Hose Drying Tower with the erection of a taller Fire
Training Tower Facility: Norfolk County Council

Summary

See Ecology comments.

Holding Objection

Arboriculture

Not Consulted

Ecology

I have some concerns with regards to the potential for impacts on bats as a result of the proposed flood lighting. The Lighting Design plan (NPS-DR-A-(00)-07M) shows there will be light spill on the fire station building. No ecological information on the suitability of the fire station or surrounding buildings to support roosting bats has been provided. I recommend asking the applicant to minimise light spill on the surrounding buildings and the fire station building in accordance with ILP Bats and Artificial Lighting in the UK (Guidance note 08/18).

The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 makes it illegal to kill, injure, capture, or cause disturbance that affects populations of bats, obstruct access to bat roosts, or damage or destroy bat roosts. Individual bats are protected from 'intentional' or 'reckless' disturbance under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended). Lighting in the vicinity of a bat roost causing disturbance and potential abandonment of the roost or entombment of bats within the roost could constitute an offence both to a population and to individuals.

Regulation 13 - personal data , Ecologist

Landscape

Thank you for consulting me on the above application. From a landscape perspective I have no objections. Whilst the height increase and design of the structure is different, I don't believe it will have a major impact on the amenity of the area as this site is already an established fire station and the tower is set back from the street.

Regulation 13 - , Green Infrastructure and Landscape Officer

