

# Consultee Comments for Planning Application 21/01600/OUT

## Application Summary

Application Number: 21/01600/OUT

Address: Land Adj HM Prison Welland Avenue Gartree Lubenham Leicestershire

Proposal: Outline planning application (All Matters Reserved except for means of access and scale) for the construction of a new Category B prison of up to 82,555sqm within a secure perimeter fence, together with access, parking, landscaping and associated engineering works

Case Officer: Mr Mark Patterson

## Consultee Details

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## Comments

The Bat Activity report (E Marshall/C Gleed-Owen) is satisfactory. A moderate level of bat activity was recorded, which will be impacted by the development that causes loss of bat foraging habitat. This will be replaced by new woodland planting, and this is acceptable in compensation.

A lighting strategy will be needed, see section 5 of the report:

"New external lighting around the site perimeter must be designed to minimise the operational effects on commuting and foraging bats. A sensitive lighting strategy will be devised to minimise impacts on currently-dark areas such as the north, south, and east boundaries of the site, and along Welland Avenue. Any external operational lighting must follow the principles set out in the Bats and artificial lighting in the UK guidance note (BCT & ILP, 2018) . . ." Further detail is in the ecology report, and this should be referred to in planning condition.

The ecologists also propose installation of 20 bat boxes, as follows: this should be a planning condition.

"20 batboxes (artificial roosts), suitable for a range of species and roost types, will be installed in suitable locations on retained trees around the prison estate. Batboxes such as the Improved Crevice Bat Box (by Nestbox) or 2F batbox (by Schwegler) are recommended, and are considered to provide suitable roosting habitat for the pipistrelle and Myotis species present on site. Some larger roost type boxes will be included, including at least two maternity boxes and two colony/hibernation boxes. Batboxes should be positioned in clusters of two or three where possible, on trees or building elevations, typically facing a south to southeast direction, at a height of at least 4m. Batboxes must not be positioned in such a way as to obstruct any existing roosting features. Batbox locations, numbers and types must be secured within the LEMP. "

I note that the required confirmation that the applicant has entered the District-level Licensing Scheme for great crested newts has not be submitted; please see my previous response.

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