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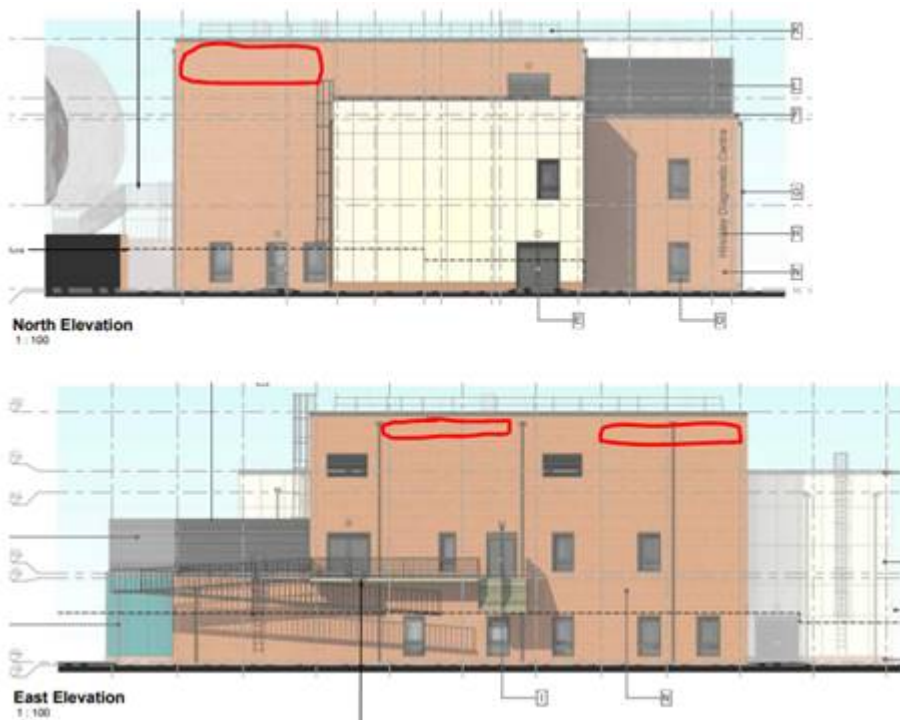
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Hi Emma

This response replaces that made by Red Kite on the 30th Nov 23.

The proposed redevelopment of the site will have limited ecological impacts and no evidence of roosting bats was found during the activity surveys, although a precautionary method of working is advised because the older hospital building proposed for demolition still has high potential for them. I do not consider that a CEMP or LEMP are necessary given the small size of the site and its negligible value for wildlife.

The site is within a Swift Alert area, therefore ecological enhancements in the form of integrated swift boxes should be incorporated into the new building. The proposed new building is particularly suitable for the inclusion of these boxes given its height and lack of large windows on the north and east elevations. The areas suitable for swift nest boxes are shown in red below:



I therefore recommend the following Conditions are attached to any permission:

- **No demolition or development shall take place until a swift (*Apus apus*) enhancement scheme has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. This is to detail the provision of a minimum of 4 integrated nest boxes on the north elevation and 8 integrated nest boxes on the east elevation of the new building. All works are to proceed strictly in accordance with the approved scheme.**
- **Prior to the first occupation of the development hereby approved, photographs of the integrated swift boxes shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority and, thereafter, the boxes shall be retained in situ in perpetuity.**
- **The development hereby approved shall be implemented in strict accordance with the measures stated within the Non-licensed Working Method Statement for bats (CGO Ecology, November 2023).**

Along with the following Informative:

- **Nesting birds are protected from disturbance under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended); therefore all removal of trees/hedges should take place outside the breeding season (March - July inclusive) unless carefully checked beforehand by a suitably qualified person.**

Regards,

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