From: Gill Thompson
Sent: 23 October 2014 11:53
To: DC Consultation
Cc: Susannah Buylla
Subject: RE: Planning Application Consultation 14NP0083 Low Leam Cottage, West
Woodburn, Hexham, Northumberland, NE48 2SF

## Dear Susannah,

I have now read the bat report that has just been sent through to accompany this application. I have no objections to the proposals if the mitigation outlined in the report is made a condition. This mitigation includes following the method statement provided in the report to remove stones by hand, timing the removal of the water table outside the hibernation period and including some bat features in the new extension and on surrounding trees.

From our discussions it sounds as if the applicant would like start works as soon as possible, this would fit with these timings if they start now, before mid November when it gets colder and leave the building unsuitable for hibernation. If they start this work before planning permission is given we are not giving consent, but they still have to adhere to the Habitats Regulations. In my opinion carrying out the works as indicated by their consultant in the report would not be reckless and would not be contrary to the Habitats Regulations, but they should continue to consult their consultant.

I hope this is helpful, but if you have any further queries please get in touch.

Yours sincerely, Gill Thompson

-----Original Message-----From: DC Consultation Sent: 25 September 2014 14:36 To: Gill Thompson Subject: Planning Application Consultation 14NP0083 Low Leam Cottage, West Woodburn, Hexham, Northumberland, NE48 2SF

Please see the attached consultation regarding a planning application which has been received by Northumberland National Park Authority. Full details can be viewed at http://nnpa.planningregister.co.uk/plaPlanningAppDisplay.aspx?AppNo=14NP0083 DC Consultation, Development Control Consultation Tel: (x)

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## liability arising. Gill Thompson, Ecologist Tel:

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