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Consultee Comments

Following the additional documents submitted by the applicant (including a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal) KCC Ecology and MBC Environmental Health were reconsulted.

Whilst no comments were received from Environmental Health (no objections have been received previously), no objections were received from Ecological consultees.

Please see the below extract.

"The lighting plan does demonstrate that there will be an increase in lighting along the southern and eastern boundary due to the proposed lighting however we agree with the ecological report that the impact on foraging/commuting bats or other nocturnal species is unlikely to be significant – particularly as part of the site already has artificial lighting and to a certain extent species in the area will be habituated to those light levels in that area.

Any species utilising the hedgerows/railway corridors will be able to use the opposite side of the hedgerows/railway corridor where the light levels have been demonstrated to be lower.

The lighting will only be operational up to 10pm and therefore there will be periods over night when there will be no lighting."

Officer recommendation remains unchanged.