

Bats and lighting

Checklist Topics: Natural Environment



Canal &
River Trust

This proposal was for an LGV parking area on land adjoining the towpath side of the canal, in an edge of town location. Lighting was proposed for the area. The Trust commented on the application, advising on the importance of minimising the likely problems of glare affecting not only users of the canal, but also wildlife supported by the canal. In order to avoid unnecessary light pollution a lighting scheme condition was requested by the Trust to ensure that the level of luminance was appropriate for the location and to protect the integrity of the waterway infrastructure.

The LPA attached a lighting scheme condition to ensure details of the proposed lighting for the development, including details of the foundations of the lighting columns, were submitted to and approved in writing by the LPA and thereafter implemented in accordance with the agreed details unless otherwise agreed in writing. This ensured that there should be no adverse glare for users of the canal and any bats using the canal as a foraging route at night time should not be adversely affected by the development. The Trust offers advice to LPAs seeking comments on Discharge of Condition Applications where those conditions were requested by us, or otherwise affect the waterway.



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The Trust offers advice upon on all stages of the planning and development process where proposals impact upon our waterways from Pre-applications to Discharge of Conditions.

LPAs and Developers should ensure that the impact upon wildlife both within and near to the application site area is fully considered as required by Chapter 11 of the NPPF and the sections on Light Pollution and Natural Environment within NPPG.