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reasonably confident that they could help bring VWT in line provided we had an agreed approach.

Nevertheless, it is Lynn's view that VWT are extremely credible and technically competent when it comes to mammal ecology and conservation, especially horseshoe bats - their head scientist, Henry Schofield, is a well respected academic who recently wrote the lesser horseshoe conservation handbook,

We don't think NE aren't fundamentally in disagreement with VWT over this; all they have said is that they are willing to support proposals provided certain long-term measures can be put in place, but timing will come into it to some degree. Also this is a rare European Protected Species, and any development needs to pass the Habs Regs "maintenance of favourable conservation status" test - if VWT can provide evidence suggesting that wouldn't be the case and TCE can't provide evidence to the contrary, at least in the form of draft plans backed by NE, it could make it difficult for the Council to support the site at Examination.

The minutes of the meeting we had with NE back in 2010 note that NE would sign up to the proposals "provided a suitable framework of measures was agreed", but nothing further has happened. Do date we have only prepared a list of possible types of measures. We need to at least offer a set of measures for NE to consider, at which time we can discuss timings with them.

Steve may want to have a direct chat with Richard and Lynn on the matter as happened with the bat issue at Taunton which seems to be progressing well.

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Neil

Further to our discussion yesterday, you were going to talk to Lynn and Richard, before coming back to me. I am still sitting on the response to Colin Morris, and it would be good to get a reply off to him

Chris