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From: Colin Morris [<mailto:colinmorris@vwt.org.uk>]

Sent: 04 July 2012 15:38

To: Alison Buck

Subject: RE: The Crown Estate, Bryanston

Dear Christopher. I trust you are well.

Thank you for your email of late last year sent by Allison (Buck).

I appreciate all the work the Crown Estate have done to acknowledge the habitat requirements required by the greater horseshoe bats living in the grounds of Bryanston School and their mitigation proposals. However, my greatest concern is your paragraph that starts.... 'Therefore, any short term impact, will be far outweighed through the longer term improvements to local bat habitats'.

This implies that the long-term improvements will not be in place prior to the commencement of any building works, this is not acceptable. The greater horseshoe bats require their feeding habitat, foraging areas and commuting routes to be available at 'all times'. The loss of their current habitat even for a short period will be detrimental to their survival. Unless the 'new' habitat is 'up-and-running' prior to the loss of their current habitat then the colony will suffer a dramatic decline and may even be totally lost altogether. Land identified as being suitable as replacement grazed pasture will have to be grazed for several years, possibly 10-20 years to enable a viable population of insect bio-mass be become established, particularly the Cock-Chaffer beetle, or May-bug, whose larvae stages are 2-3 years underground prior to emerging.

Being realistic I think you should be considering establishing these alternative habitats sooner rather than later thus enabling a continuation of habitats of suitable quality that the animals can use prior to the loss of their current sites.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Colin Morris.

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