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To: Planning DC
Subject: P/23/0126 - Dowlais Primary School (Minor) - NRW Response NRW:06550363

Dear David Cross

Thank you for consulting Natural Resources Wales on the above application.

We have reviewed the planning application submitted to us, and from the information provided we do not consider that the proposed development affects a matter listed on our Consultation Topics, *Development Planning Advisory Service: Consultation Topics* (September 2018): <https://naturalresources.wales/guidance-and-advice/business-sectors/planning-and-development/our-role-in-planning-and-development/our-role-in-planning-and-development/?lang=en>. We therefore do not have any comment to make on the proposed development.

Please note that our decision not to comment does not rule out the potential for the proposed development to affect other interests, including environmental interests of local importance.

The applicant should be advised that, in addition to planning permission, it is their responsibility to ensure that they secure all other permits/consents relevant to their development.

We note that public access lists a 'PRELIMINARY ECOLOGICAL APPRAISAL REPORT' however, when opened, this is a copy of the application form. We note the development would involve the felling of two trees at the site. We recommend you seek the advice of your in-house ecologist to determine if there is a reasonable likelihood of bats, a European Protected Species, being present within the application site. If so, in accordance with Technical Advice Note 5: Nature Conservation and Planning (paragraph 6.2.2) a bat survey may be required. The survey should be carried out in accordance with 'Bat Surveys; Good Practice Guidelines 3rd Edition' published by the Bat Conservation Trust 2016. Please consult us again if any survey undertaken finds that bats are present at the site and you require further advice from us.

We trust that the above comments are of assistance however, should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards
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