

MEETING NOTES



Job Title	KIG Natural England consultation
Project Number	12070549-002
Date	22 March 2007
Time	12:00
Venue	NE Coldharbour Farm Offices, Wye.
Subject	KIG
Client	KIG Ltd
Present	Angela Bond (WSPE) Sean Hanna (NE)
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- 1 SH was satisfied with the level of detail of the bat detector work undertaken so far but stated that mist netting would be required at 'The Belt' prior to the loss of this woodland to be confident in an assessment of the value of the woodland for bats.
(There are a number of bat species that cannot be accurately identified through bat detector work alone due to similarities in the echolocation calls and, in some cases, a very quiet call which is not always picked up on detector).
- 2 SH confirmed that the records of serotine on the site were very significant as the species is a Kent BAP species and whilst Kent is a stronghold for serotine, recent records indicate that the species may be in decline.
- 3 SH agreed that mitigation for bats should focus on strengthening the existing serotine flight-path (along Chrismill Shaw) and welcomed the additional planting proposed on the western side of Chrismill lane. SH felt it was unlikely that bats were crossing the existing motorway.
- 4 SH expressed concern of the night-time lighting of the site and stated that lighting would need to be suitably dark so as not to interfere with bat flight paths.
- 5 SH suggested that to compensate for the loss of very mature trees in 'The Belt' consideration could be given to undertake any necessary limb surgery or management of mature trees in the Leeds Castle site with the aim of prolonging their life-expectancy.

Distribution: Design Team