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Dear Mr Mitchell

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Thank you for your email dated 15 February requesting comments from Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) on your bat survey methodology outlined in your email relating to the Glasgow Airport Rail Link proposals.

You suggest that you will be proposing to your Client that dusk bat surveys be carried out on all structures that would be demolished or structurally altered. That due to bats moving from one roost site to another you would suggest that each structure to be surveyed be visited more than once. If a roost were suspected after initial dusk visits, dawn surveys and counts of bats returning would be suggested. You would also suggest that surveys commence at the end of April/May when bats would be active.

SNH recommend that you review the publication titled *Bat Workers Manual* (Mitchell-Jones, A J & McLeish, A P, 2004, Joint Nature Conservation Committee, 3rd Edition, which is also available via the JNCC website) in particular Chapter 3 *Survey and Monitoring*. You will find that the *Bat Workers Manual* recommends that several bat visits should be conducted over a period between the end of April and the beginning of June and that dawn surveys are more likely to indicate an exact location of roosts compared to dusk visits although initial dusk visits are just as important.

It is likely that the suggested outline methodology in your email and in addition to your considerations of the *Bat Workers Manual* would be acceptable for the purposes of an Environmental Impact Assessment.

If you have any queries regarding this information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address.

Yours sincerely

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