

Laura Crawford

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 September 2025 09:10
To: Planning
Subject: Objection to LA01/2024/1187/F
Attachments: 1000029065.jpg

Dear Planning

I wish to lodge an objection to Planning application LA01/2024/1187/F

I would contend that this facility is currently operating unlawfully / in breach of:

- (a) Its planning permission due to the operation of high intensity flood lights that were not included in its original application / permission (I understand that these were installed / upgraded last year)
- (b) The [Wildlife \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1985](#)
- (c) The [Conservation \(Natural Habitats, etc.\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 1995](#)

As the ground adjacent to the facility has been assessed by the NIEA to host two nocturnal protected species, these being Badgers (3 sets) and a colony of bats

NIEA made the following comments: **"Bats are nocturnal species and are highly sensitive to artificial lighting in their environments. This can have a significant adverse effect on their natural behaviour such as foraging or commuting, causing disturbance and/or displacement and affecting their ability to survive. Illumination of a bat roost can also prevent or delay emergence from the roost, reducing the time available for foraging and potentially leading to starvation and/or abandonment of the roost"**

This matter was brought to the attention of the Enviromental Services of the Council by myself and a number of elected representatives and to the Planning department by way of an objection to planning application LA01/2024/1187/F on the 25th March 2025. [REDACTED] occurred

These are currently operating during the hours of darkness (as per the image attached), this one taken from the adjacent public road, (across the area identified as being populated by the protected species by the NIEA) at 22.10 hours on the 20th September 2025 (as the embedded meta data / GPS will confirm)

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Yours sincerely
David Alexander

