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Proof of Evidence - Erratum

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Bats

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- 1.1 An error has been noted in paragraph 1.2.11 of my Evidence. In this paragraph I stated that *‘eight bat species are listed under Section 42 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006 as of principal importance for the conservation of biodiversity in Wales. These include barbastelle bat, Bechstein’s bat, noctule bat, common and soprano pipistrelle bats, brown long-eared bat, lesser and greater horseshoe bats.’* I neglected to add that these species are also listed under Section 7 of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016, which supersedes the NERC Act. An interim list of priority species, which is exactly the same as the previous list under Section 42 of the NERC Act, is under review in consultation with NRW. Under this new legislation, *“A public authority must seek to maintain and enhance biodiversity in the exercise of functions in relation to Wales, and in so doing promote the resilience of ecosystems, so far as consistent with the proper exercise of those functions”* (Section 6). This therefore strengthens the NERC Act (subtly), by changing the requirement from *“have regard... to the purpose of conserving biodiversity”* to *“must seek to maintain and enhance biodiversity”*.
- 1.2 The above correction does not change the conclusions of my Proof of Evidence.