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This application has been drawn to my attention, because of it's possible impact on the MOL surrounding the site.

The only aspects of the proposals that appear to me to have potential to affect the MOL are the security cameras and lighting. I am pleased that the requirement for fencing has been waived.

I note that the lighting will be "operable by movement detectors", which may unintentionally imply that this is an option. I believe the normal mode of operation should be conditioned as "operated by movement detectors". Bats are well known to be affected by artificial lighting, and can only see well in dim light, and although this aspect of the effects of lighting was not mentioned, it is pleasing that the need to restrict lighting of this otherwise largely unlit area has been recognised.

If the intention is for the CCTV cameras to be mounted on poles, the design of the poles should be approved by the council's planning and conservation officers.

If the cameras require a level of non-human-visible lighting to operate, that lighting should be in the infra-red spectrum, and not in the ultra-violet (which the vision of a number of UK bat species is designed to use therefore is highly sensitive to).

Notwithstanding these comments, I appreciate the efforts the project designers have gone to in order to minimise the impacts of the proposals.