

### Request for further additional information and clarification: Clarification on Timetable for Bat Monitoring Surveys

The timetable in Table 2.1 of the Protected Species Method Statement provided as an appendix to the ES for the proposed development has been updated to provide further clarification on the survey dates, following a request for further additional information and clarification request received at the consultation stage from NYCC.

This timetable assumes that the operation of the proposed development (i.e. the hydraulic fracture operations and task/ welfare lighting) will be undertaken during the period in which bats are active (May to September inclusive). If the operation of the site including the hydraulic fracture operation is to be undertaken outside this period, bat monitoring will not be undertaken as there would be no potential for foraging/ commuting bats to be affected.

The following timetable is based upon a construction start date in late May 2016.

**Updated Table 2.1: Proposed Timetable for Surveys**

Survey	Scope	Approximate Date	Updated Timing
Pre-commencement walked transect bat survey x 2	Two nocturnal walked transects using hand held bat detectors and recording devices undertaken from dusk onwards for at least one hour.	July/ August 2015	May and June 2016
Pre-commencement SM2 deployment period x 2	SM2 deployed at two locations for at least three nights per deployment for two deployment periods.	To coincide with walked transects above.	May and June 2016
Operational walked transect bat surveys	Two nocturnal walked transects using hand held bat detectors and recording devices undertaken from dusk onwards for at least one hour.	During hydraulic fracture operations assuming these coincide with bat activity period.	June and July 2016
Operational SM2 deployment	SM2 deployed at two locations for at least three nights per deployment for two deployment periods.	To coincide with walked transects above.	June and July 2016

\* From ES