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Application Ref No: 21/01255/FUL
Location: Forwood Farm Wood Lane Treswell Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 0EE
Proposal: Demolition of Buildings, Alterations and Extensions to Agricultural Buildings and Change the Use into Two Dwellings

Dear Mr Askwith,

We are responding to the above application, as per our role within the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by Bassetlaw District Council and Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust, effective from the 30 April 2018. The following response has been provided in line with current wildlife legislation, local and national planning policies including the Draft Bassetlaw Local Plan (2020) and relevant guidance from the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM).

Response

We have provided the following comments in reference to the supporting document highlighted below:

- Ecology and Protected Species Survey at Forwood Farm, Treswell, Nottinghamshire (IEL Inspired Ecology, November 2021).

We have reviewed the survey report and **we are not satisfied with the ecology report and the resulting conclusions.** We require further bat surveys of other buildings on the site, and also consideration of other protected species, specifically dormouse.

We consider assessment of buildings for bat roosting potential inaccurate. Only one of the buildings was assessed as needing further surveys i.e. Building 2 with Brown long-eared bat found roosting inside the building. However, the remaining buildings are of very similar character with alike bat roosting features and therefore should be assessed as offering the same bat roosting potential. Further, Brown long-eared bats roost very rarely alone and it is therefore likely more bats are present within the complex of the barn buildings. **We therefore require review of farm buildings in this bat roost assessment essential.** Furthermore, **these other buildings on the farm should also be surveyed alongside Building 2, to determine their use by bats during the bat active season.** This should take form of bat emergence surveys.

We also point out that consideration of dormice in this area is essential. Dormice are known to be present in Treswell woodland, which is adjacent to the site. Despite hedgerows will not be directly effected by the development, it is required to account for indirect effect of works on potentially present dormice. **Reasonable avoidance measures are required to be implemented for any works around hedgerows adjacent to the site.**



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This should include the following measures:

- No materials are to be stored close to hedgerows. This is especially during winter when dormice are in hibernation state on the ground. They can be easily crushed, and in their inactive state unable to help themselves. Preventing storage of material close to hedgerows will also limit dormice potentially utilising any gaps between the materials as habitat.
- Buffer zone is recommended to be established from hedgerows. This is to limit any disturbance from demolition/construction works, such as dust and vibration, on potentially present dormice.

I hope these comments are helpful, please get in touch if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,



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