

Planning Applications Manager
High Peak Borough Council
Planning Department
Municipal Buildings
Glossop
Derbyshire
SK13 8AF

For the attention of Declan Clearly

Your ref: HPK/2023/0407

Our ref: DWTHPK708

19th October 2023

Dear Declan

Proposal: The demolition and partial demolition of agricultural buildings and the change of use of the retained part from agriculture to the siting of a battery storage facility and an electricity sub station.

Location: LAND AT CHINLEY HOUSE FARM, Dolly Lane, Buxworth, Derbyshire,

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With reference to the above application, I am responding as the Biodiversity Planning Officer responsible for work relating to the Service Level Agreement, which the High Peak Borough Council and the Trust have signed. The following comments are aimed at providing accurate and up to date information on the nature conservation issues associated with the proposed development.

Response

We have reviewed the Preliminary Bat Roost Assessment Report (Batworker, 2023). The report concludes that the existing agricultural building has negligible potential to support roosting bats. On the basis of the information submitted, we advise **that bats should not present a constraint on the proposed development** and no further surveys regarding bats are considered necessary in this instance.

We advise that sufficient information regarding bats has been submitted to enable the Local Planning Authority to reach an informed decision in accordance with Circular 06/2005 and to discharge its duty in respect of the requirements of The Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019.

We have no further comments or recommendations at this time.

It is hoped that the information provided is helpful to the Council. If you require any further information or wish to discuss any of the comments made, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Endnote:

Please see our planning pages <https://www.derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/planning> for ecological advice on submitting a planning application, finding an ecological consultant and information on mitigation and enhancement.