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

For the attention of James Stannard

Your ref: DOC/2023/0065

Our ref: DWTHPK637-1

4th December 2023

Dear James,

Proposal: 2 no. dormer bungalows with associated access, infrastructure and landscaping works following demolition of garden centre buildings.

Location: Charlesworth Nursery And Garden Centre, Glossop Road, Charlesworth, Derbyshire, SK13 5HB

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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

Condition 5



No development above slab level shall commence until a revised Biodiversity Enhancement Scheme including details of bat/bird boxes and log piles to be provided within the site has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. Development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details and shall be retained thereafter.

Hedgehog gaps of 130 mm x 130 mm are welcomed. We see that bat and bird boxes are proposed but no specifications are provided. We advise that a universal nest brick e.g. Manthorpe Swift brick is incorporated in each dwelling at a gable apex, in line with British Standard BS 42021:2022. These are used by a range of bird species. Two bat boxes, such as Schwegler 2F, EcoKent or similar should be attached to suitable trees or buildings at least 3 m above ground level (or higher). A further two general purpose bird boxes could also be attached to trees at 2.5 m. The native hedgerows and trees specified are also welcomed.

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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Biodiversity Planning Officer

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.