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**For the attention of James Stannard**

Your Ref: HPK/2024/0445

Our ref: DWTHPK760

19<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear James,

**Proposal: Livestock shed for the rearing of calves**

**Location: Winterhill Farm Padfield Main Road Padfield Glossop**

**Application Ref No: HPK/2024/0445**

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

It is my understanding that the building is proposed within an existing farmyard and therefore will qualify under the 'de-minimis exemption' from mandatory 10% biodiversity net gain.



The application area is located within a SSSI Risk Zone, however the proposed development does not appear to match any of the description which would trigger consultation with Natural England. These can be checked here:

[https://irz.geodata.org.uk/IRZ/step2.html?irzcode=0101000322352%C2%ACes=&location=402258,392687%20\(IRZ%20polygon%20centre\)](https://irz.geodata.org.uk/IRZ/step2.html?irzcode=0101000322352%C2%ACes=&location=402258,392687%20(IRZ%20polygon%20centre))

We do not anticipate any impacts to habitats or protected species, based on the information provided in the Design and Access Statement and a review of our biological records database. A vegetated rail line is present immediately north-west, which should be protected from lightspill to avoid impacts to foraging and commuting bats and other nocturnal wildlife. A lighting condition should be attached, if lighting is necessary.

A sparrow terrace is currently proposed under the eaves of the south-west elevation. Whilst we welcome the intention to provide an ecological enhancement, as an alternative, we would recommend 3No. swallow cups attached internally to roof beams <https://www.wildcare.co.uk/swallow-nest-bowl.html> or similar. This is due to the loss of swallow nesting opportunities resulting from conversion and demolition of rural buildings. Drawings could be amended at this stage to reduce the requirement for a separate condition.

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.