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For the attention of James Stannard

Your Ref: HPK/2025/0380
Our ref: DWTHPK814

15th December 2025

Dear James,

Proposal: Construction of a 33kV cable route at Marsh Lane and Ladypit Road

Location: Marsh Lane and Ladypit Road Furness Vale

Application Ref No: HPK/2025/0380

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 information on the planning portal. We understand that the cable will be buried under the existing road surface on Marsh Lane and Ladypit Road. As such, no habitat loss is anticipated or protected species impacts likely. The proposals will qualify under the de-minimis exemption from mandatory 10% biodiversity net gain.

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General best practice measures should be implemented during construction, including checking excavations daily for wildlife. The route is to be excavated in small sections at a time. We advise that these should be backfilled or covered at the end of each day or, where this is not possible, a plank of wood inserted as a means of escape. If any wildlife is encountered, it should be moved out of harm's way immediately by gloved hand and clean container. Where there are any concerns for the animal's welfare, a rescue organisation should be contacted.

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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