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**Subject:** RE: Comments request - 2024/91583 Colne Valley Masonic Hall, Britannia Road, Slaithwaite, Huddersfield, HD7 5HF

Hi Kerri,

Please see below:

The PBRA is reasonable and acceptable.

Given the history of the site, a PWMS for bats will be conditioned, as well as an informative for birds. Enhancement for bats and birds will also be added.

BNG is exempt due to de minimis.

**Suggested conditioned.**

PWMS - Bats

A condition for the provision of a detailed Precautionary Working Method Statement (PWMS) is advised, e.g. Prior to the commencement of development, a detailed Precautionary Working Method Statement (PWMS) in respect of bats shall be submitted to and approved by the local planning authority. In order to minimise risk and avoid harm to bats, the PWMS shall include (but not be limited to) toolbox talks provided by a suitably qualified ecologist, attendance of an ECoW (Ecological Clerk of Works) as required, and careful hand stripping around potential bat roosting features.

In the event of encountering a bat, all work must cease until the ecological clerk of works and Natural England are contacted for advice on the best way to proceed lawfully. All contractors working on site should be made aware of this advice and provided with the contact details of the ecological clerk of works.

Enhancements

A Biodiversity Enhancement Management Plan must be provided to the LPA prior to the commencement of works on-site. It must include the following items that will be installed post development:

- 1 no bat boxes
- 1 no bird boxes

**Reason: In the interests of biodiversity and in accordance with Policy LP30 and NPPF15**

**Informatives**

Birds

All works should be timed to occur outside nesting bird season (typically March to August, inclusive). If this is not possible all potential bird nesting opportunities must be checked by a suitably experienced ecologist within 24 hours prior to works. If any active nests are found, the ecologist should advise on suitable species-specific works exclusion zones. The exclusion zones should be regularly monitored by the ecologist and remain in place until the young have fledged the nest, or the nests are otherwise deserted.

**Reason: In order that the proposals are implemented in accordance with the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended).**

Many thanks,

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