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Subject:

ra 2025/93323 at location Lower Carr Farm, Carr Lane, Shepley, Huddersfield, HD8 8BR

A Preliminary Bat Roost Assessment report has been provided (Knight Sky Ecology, February 2026). The building was observed to have low suitability for roosting bats; it is accepted due to the thorough investigation of the assessment that additional survey is not required. However a Precautionary Working Method Statement will be 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.

Hope this helps.

Many thanks, Katie

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