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Date: 14 July 2026 at 19:01:06 BST
To: Danielle Cooper <Danielle.Cooper@kirklees.gov.uk>
Subject: **Re: Planning Application 2026/90193**

Good evening

Objection / request for reassessment – Planning Application
[2026/90193](#)
Land adjacent to 1A Field Head, Shepley

Dear Planning Officer,

I wish to raise concerns regarding the ecological assessment submitted in support of planning application [2026/90193](#), specifically in relation to bats and the reliability of the submitted bat survey.

I understand that the existing barn was cleared and tidied by the applicant approximately one to two months before the ecological surveys were undertaken. I am concerned that these works may have altered the condition of the building and potentially removed, disturbed or obscured evidence of bat use or nesting activity before the surveys took place.

The submitted Bat Survey Report acknowledges that the original stone-built barn has **moderate suitability for roosting bats due to multiple crevice features, access points and an unlined roof structure**. The report also confirms that potential bat and bird nesting features would be lost through demolition.

Although the survey did not identify a confirmed bat roost, bats have been recorded using the site, including noctule and common pipistrelle activity during the survey period. Given that bats are a protected species and that the building had previously provided suitable features, I believe additional caution is required before allowing demolition.

I respectfully request that the Council considers whether the timing of the survey, following recent clearance works, provides a sufficiently accurate assessment of the building's ecological value. I ask that an updated bat assessment is required after a suitable period, ideally around 12 months, when the building has been left in its current state and any evidence of bat use can be properly established.

Until such reassessment has taken place, I believe it would be premature to conclude that there is no significant ecological constraint to the proposed demolition.

I also request that any approval, if granted, includes robust conditions requiring:

- confirmation that no demolition takes place until ecological matters have been fully resolved;
- protection of any bats or nesting birds discovered during works;
- secured biodiversity enhancements, including integrated bat and bird boxes;
- appropriate ecological supervision if required.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Yours faithfully,

Regards