

Sent: 21 April 2026 12:34

Subject: 2026/90271 at location Pilgrim Foodservice, Forge Lane, Thornhill Lees, Dewsbury, WF12 9BU

Hi There,

Please see ecological commentary below

Designations

Sparrow Wood LNR is 100m east of the site. The River Calder is 50m north of the site.

Onsite habitats and species

The site consists of 1 no large building and hardstanding. The building does appear to be in a good state of repair. Informative for bats and birds will be required.

There are trees, grassland, ruderal, scrub, shrub, and hedgerows on the northern and eastern boundaries of the site. Plans do not indicate if these areas are to be impacted.

BNG

The development appears to be within the original footprint of the building / hardstanding (according to the description provided by the application) and is therefore BNG requirements are exempt as set out in Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended). Should more information come to light, please do let me know.

Suggested 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).

Bats

Bats and the places they use for shelter or protection (i.e. roosts) are protected under the Habitats Regulations 2017 (as amended). They receive further legal protection under the Wildlife and

Countryside Act 1981 (as amended). Section 43 of the Habitats Regulations makes it an offence to: deliberately capture, injure, or kill a bat; deliberately disturb bats; or damage or destroy a bat roost. Where a licence is required to derogate from the Habitats Regulations, a grant of planning permission does not constitute consent to proceed with the works insofar as they affect the species in question. The licence must be applied for separately from Natural England, be granted and all licence conditions be complied with for the works to proceed lawfully.

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Many thanks,
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