

**Sent:** 08 April 2026 15:01

**Subject:** 2026/90728 at location Windy Gap Farm, Little Lepton, Green Balk Lane, Lepton, Huddersfield, HD8 0LN

Please add these informatives to ensure reduction of impact to bats and birds, if appropriate.

**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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Just to mention that BNG is exempt from this application due to de minimis.

Many thanks,  
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