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Subject: 2026/90827 at location Peep Green Farm, Peep Green Road, Hartshead, Liversedge, WF15 8AQ

Please see ecological commentary below

Designations

No issue

Onsite habitats and species

The site consists of grassland, stone walls, hedgerow, and a concrete building.

Informatives for birds and bats will be recommended for the site. A PEA is not warranted.

BNG

The metric has been provided.

There will be a net gain of 0.0402 (18.10%) habitat units. This will be through the creation of v low to medium distinctiveness.

We consider that the onsite element of the BNG proposal will not result in significant onsite gain as it would be delivered by. This does therefore not need to be secured for 30 years but could be secured by a simple landscaping condition, if appropriate, to ensure it is provided and maintained for an aftercare period.

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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