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Lisa,

The photographs would suggest all the buildings are single skin wooden structures of negligible value to support bats a survey would not appear proportionate. Consequently I would suggest the following conditions:

Breeding birds

Demolition should not be carried out between 1st March to 31st August unless a check for breeding birds has been carried out by an ecologist. In the event that breeding birds are present no work should be carried out until the birds have finished breeding, and all dependent young have left the site.

Reason: All breeding birds, nests egss and young are protected from harm under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 as amended.

Bats

Demolition should be carried out carefully by hand. If bats are located work should cease and an ecologist licenced to survey for bats should be contacted. Advice should be obtained from Natural England. A European Protected species Licence may be required for work to proceed.

Biodiversity enhancements

As a condition I would suggest the incorporation of:

A barn owl nesting box attached to the building.

Potential designs at:
https://www.barnowltrust.org.uk/barn-owl-nestbox/barn-owl-nestboxes/

Three groups of ‘sparrow terrace stile nest boxes consisting of three connected boxes per group attached to the building.
Details of suitable designs available at:
https://ww2.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/give-nature-a-home-in-your-garden/garden-activities/createasparrowstreet/

Nesting sites for four swallows incorporated within the building structure

Nest box design details and locations, persons installing nesting features, installation timing, plus maintenance details shall be submitted in writing to the Local Planning Authority for approval. Nest boxes shall be installed strictly in accordance with the approved details

and shall be retained in that manner thereafter.

Reason:

Policy NE1 of the Staffordshire Moorlands Adopted Core Strategy: Ensuring development promotes appropriate maintenance, enhancement or restoration and/ or recreation of biodiversity through its proposed nature, scale, location and design. The application must meet the objectives of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF): Providing net biodiversity gains where possible.

Regards

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