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James,

Please find comments in relation to:

DET/2018/0042 Shaw Walls Farm, Shaw Wall Lane, Whiston, Staffordshire, ST10 2HS Proposed change of use of brick/stone barns to form 2 residential dwellings with associated private amenity space and parking

I object to the planning application on the grounds that insufficient ecological surveys have been conducted

The work will involve the modification of buildings consequently a preliminary ecological appraisal for bats is required according to Collins, J. (ed) (2016) Bat Surveys for Professional Ecologists; Good Practice Guidelines (3rd Edn). The Bat Conservation Trust. This survey will look for evidence of bats and assess the potential of buildings to support bats. Subject to initial survey results further surveys between May and September may be required following best practice by Collins, J. (ed) (2016) Bat Surveys for Professional Ecologists; Good Practice Guidelines (3rd Edn).

Details are available at:

http://www.bats.org.uk/pages/guidanceforprofessionals.html

All surveys should be carried out by a licenced and suitably qualified ecologist.

Biodiversity enhancements such as new artificial bat roosts and birds nesting opportunities will be required as enhancements. It is advisable to provide specific detailed designs incorporated within the development following the advice of a consultant ecologist.
Any lighting will need to be designed so it does not significantly adversely impact on the commuting or foraging activities of bats or breeding birds.
Planting schemes and landscaping could also benefit breeding birds and bats.

Regards

Mark

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