Derbyshire Wildlife Trust

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For the attention of Rebecca Godson

Your Ref: AVA/2025/0555
Our ref: DWTAVA DWTAVA2171a

1st April 2026

Dear Rebecca,

Proposal: Proposed construction of a dormer bungalow.

Location: 130 Nottingham Road Ripley Derbyshire DE5 3AX

Application Ref No.: AVA/2025/0555

With reference to the above application, I am responding as the Biodiversity Planning Officer responsible for work relating to the Service Level Agreement, which the Amber Valley Borough Council and the Trust have signed. The following comments are aimed at providing accurate and up to date information on the nature conservation issues associated with the proposed development.

Response

Further to our response dated 10th November 2025, additional landscaping plans for the proposed development have been submitted for review which detail the inclusion of shrub and tree planting within the site.

We still advise that given there are anecdotal records of amphibians and bats using the habitats within the site, a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal should be undertaken.

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This should establish the habitats that are present on site and determine the presence or absence of protected species. Please note that all necessary surveys for protected species should be undertaken prior to the determination of a planning application.

The field survey work should be undertaken by a suitably qualified and experienced ecologist at the correct time of year and be supported by a desk study, which includes obtaining existing records from the local record centre. The format and content of the ecology report should follow current guidelines (CIEEM, 2019 and British Standard BS:42020: 2013). To be sufficient for planning purposes, the report should provide an assessment of impacts, along with details of agreed mitigation and compensation measures (not recommendations). It should also provide details of enhancement opportunities, in line with the NPPF 2024.

It is hoped that the information provided is helpful to the Council. If you require any further information or wish to discuss any of the comments made, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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