Derbyshire Wildlife Trust

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For the attention of Laura Anthony

Your Ref: AVA/2026/0652
Our ref: DWTAVA2433

9th November 2026

Dear Laura,

Proposal: Construction of detached dwelling

Location: Kings Arms 40 The Common Crich Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5BH

Application Ref No.: AVA/2026/0652

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

We have checked our Biological Records Database and can confirm the following:

- No records of protected species are present on or adjacent to site
- No notable habitats have been recorded to date on or adjacent to site
- The site is not covered by a statutory or non-statutory nature conservation designation

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Furthermore, the site is exempt from mandatory biodiversity net gain. Based on the proposals and the information submitted, we advise that the application is considered low impact and unlikely to have a substantive adverse effect on biodiversity.

Conditions

Best practice measures

No tree, scrub or hedgerow clearance shall take place between 1st and 31st August inclusive, unless preceded by a nesting bird survey undertaken by a competent ecologist no more than 48 hours prior to clearance. If nesting birds are present, an appropriate exclusion zone will be implemented and monitored until the chicks have fledged. No works shall be undertaken within exclusion zones whilst nesting birds are present.

Any scrub or shrubs requiring removal should be cut by hand to ground level and removed from the footprint of works so as not to create habitat piles. If common amphibians or reptiles are discovered, they should be allowed to move away freely or can be carefully collected with gloved hand and clean container and moved to an area of safety.

Biodiversity Enhancement Plan

Prior to building works commencing above foundation level, a Biodiversity Enhancement Plan shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Approved measures shall be implemented in full and maintained thereafter. The Plan shall clearly show positions, specifications and numbers of features, which will include (but are not limited to) the following:

• 1 x universal integral nest brick / swift brick in new dwelling installed at eaves level, avoiding southern elevations.

• 1 x integral bat box in new dwelling installed at eaves level, favouring southern elevations.
• 1 x insect brick in new dwelling
• fencing gaps 130 mm x 130 mm to maintain connectivity for hedgehogs
• summary of ecologically beneficial landscaping (full details to be provided in Landscape Plans).

A statement of good practice including photographs shall be submitted to the local planning authority to fully discharge this condition, demonstrating that the enhancements have been selected and installed in accordance with the approved Plan.

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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