

*Reqs further info*

**MEMORANDUM  
RYEDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL  
FORWARD PLANNING & CONSERVATION**

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19/6/09

**TO:** JUDITH VOLKES, PLANNING OFFICER  
**FROM:** DON DAVIES, COUNTRYSIDE OFFICER  
**SUBJECT:** **PLANNING APPLICATION 09/00369/FUL – FORMER WAAF SITE, WOMBLETON.**  
**DATE:** 17 JUNE 2009

Thank you for passing me a copy of the scoping bat survey for the above application.

I note from the survey that evidence of bats was not found but the survey was carried out at a sub optimal time of year and the report states "large number of buildings which have limited opportunities for bat use" It then goes on to say that there is very good bat foraging habitat around the huts and recommends further emergence survey work to establish the actual use of the site for bat roosts.

I therefore advise that this planning application cannot be determined until this further survey work has been undertaken in accordance with the current legislation and best practice guidelines.

- This survey should be carried out by suitably qualified and experienced persons. A list of ecological consultants operating in the area can be obtained from Ryedale District Council. Alternatively look at [www.ieem.org.uk](http://www.ieem.org.uk) then click on About IEEM/Directory.
- Be carried out at an appropriate time and month of the year, in suitable weather conditions and using recognised surveying techniques.
- Be to an appropriate and recognised level of scope and detail including a site plan which includes distribution and use of the area, site, structure or feature (eg for feeding, shelter, breeding etc).
- Include an assessment of the likely effects of the proposed development on the protected species.

The **Assessment** must identify and describe potential development impacts likely to harm the protected species and/or their habitats identified by the survey (these should include both direct and indirect effects both during construction and afterwards). Where harm is likely, evidence must be submitted to show:

- How alternatives designs or locations have been considered;
- How adverse effects will be avoided wherever possible;
- How unavoidable impacts will be mitigated or reduced;
- How impacts that cannot be avoided or mitigated will be compensated.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Don Davies

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