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Subject: 3/2011/0731 Wood End

Dear Colin,

Application: 3/2011/0731

Proposal: Proposed construction of a detached garage

Location: Wood End Cottage Birdy Brow Chaigley Clitheroe Lancashire BB7 3LR

Thank you for your consultation in respect of the above application.

Although the application area is adjacent to a Biological Heritage Site, the site itself appears to be of relatively low biodiversity value (amenity mown grassland, low diversity of species, low structural diversity) and significant impacts on biodiversity as a result of these proposals therefore appear reasonably unlikely.

I note that these proposals involve the removal of trees. Whilst I have not visited the site, the information available to me suggests that these trees are not mature native trees and are likely to be of limited value to biodiversity such as roosting bats and nesting birds. However, it should be ensured that replacement trees are planted to compensate for any lost and I recommend that replacement trees should be locally appropriate native species only.

In addition, and despite the apparent absence of features of biodiversity value, the applicant should be aware that the legal protection afforded to protected species applies even once planning consent has been granted such that, in the unlikely event that the presence of protected species is suspected, works must cease and a suitably qualified ecological consultant or Natural England should be contacted for advice.

Yours sincerely,
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