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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 July 2026 15:29
To: Planning
Subject: Planning Application 3/2025/0997 – Active barn owl nest

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Dear Planning Officer,

I am writing regarding planning application 3/2025/0997 for the proposed development at Land off Henthorn Road, Clitheroe.

I would like to bring to your attention what I believe is important ecological information relating to an active barn owl nest close to the development site.

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Given these observations, I am concerned that the breeding pair and their foraging habitat may be affected by the proposed development. I would be grateful if you could confirm:

- Whether the Ecological Impact Assessment identified this occupied barn owl nest and breeding pair.
- Whether the field was assessed as an important foraging area for the barn owls.
- What mitigation measures or planning conditions are in place to ensure the development complies with wildlife legislation and protects the breeding barn owls before any works commence.

If these observations were not available at the time the ecological surveys were undertaken, I would ask that this information is referred to the council's ecologist for consideration before any site works begin.

I am happy to provide further information regarding the dates and times of my observations if that would assist.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to your response.

Yours faithfully

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[Your Name]

From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: 28 July 2026 18:39
To: Kathryn Hughes; Planning
Subject: Planning Application 3/2025/0997 – Active Barn Owl Nest at Tree T20

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Dear Kathryn Hughes,

I am writing regarding Planning Application 3/2025/0997 – Land off Henthorn Road, Clitheroe.

Having reviewed the Ecological Impact Assessment, I note that it identifies a barn owl nest box on Tree T20 and recommends that the box is inspected by a licensed barn owl surveyor before any works commence. The report also states that if breeding is confirmed, the nest box should remain in place and an exclusion zone of approximately 100 metres should be established, with the final extent agreed by an ornithologist.

I wish to make you aware that the nest box on Tree T20 is currently occupied. I have repeatedly observed an adult barn owl hunting over the application site and returning towards the nest box with prey. I can also clearly hear chicks calling from within the nest box, which indicates there are dependent young present.

In light of these observations, I would be grateful if you could confirm:

- When the pre-commencement inspection of the barn owl nest box on Tree T20 will be undertaken by a licensed barn owl surveyor.
- Whether the Council's ecologist has been informed that the nest box is currently occupied with a breeding pair.
- How the recommended exclusion zone around Tree T20 will be implemented and monitored during the breeding period.
- That no works likely to disturb the breeding barn owls or affect the mitigation measures will take place until the requirements of the Ecological Impact Assessment have been fully complied with.

I would appreciate confirmation that this information has been referred to the Council's ecologist and that the necessary safeguards for this protected species will be in place before any site works commence.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response.

Yours faithfully,

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