Online Comment

Application	H01-1094-23
Location	Barrier Bank Peak Hill Cowbit
Proposal	Proposed conversion of brick barn to 1 residential dwelling, demolition of existing silo and change of use of agricultural land to residential garden land.

Name	Annette Faulkner - Lincolnshire Bat Group
Address	65 London Road Spalding Lincs PE11 2TN

Date Submitted	11-01-24
For/Against	Comments

Thank you for referring the ecological report and bat survey to Lincolnshire Bat Group for comment. From a species point of view this is an interesting report, with 3 species of bats using the barn in small numbers. However there is one possible misidentification, and that is for a Natterer's bat roosting there. These bats are very scarce in the Fens - so a correction would be needed in the general distribution notes in the EIA - but easily confused with the closely related Daubenton's bats, which have a similar echolocation signal, and are common. They forage over water, and roost in trees, bridges and occasionally outbuildings, and LBG has recorded them all along the very close South Holland Main Drain. It is noted that the lifespan of the report is only a year and that a Natural England Protected Species Licence will be required. We would suggest that clarification as to which of the two species is roosting there is needed - if still present - as the presence of a Natterer's bat could be significant in terms of possible mitigation.