

Online Comment

Application H23-0274-23
Location Orchard Farm Dowsdale Bank Shepeau Stow PE12 0TZ
Proposal Demolition of existing barns and erection of five 4-bed 2-storey detached dwellings and 1 car port.

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For/Against Objections

Thank you for consulting Lincolnshire Bat Group on this 'Initial Biodiversity Report'. Unfortunately, without a protected species survey or assessment I'm afraid we cannot support this, as the report demonstrates quite clearly no survey has been carried out; to go ahead without any background evidence presents a very real risk of conflict with the law, particularly with relation to roosting bats and nesting birds. It is noted that a barn owl is present. This survey should be carried out as soon as possible and before the application is determined, as if bats are found to be present a European Protected Species licence may be needed - and this can only be conditioned as the result of an existing survey. Finally, note that historically we hold large numbers of bat records for the Dowsdale Bank area, making it even more essential that a proper survey is carried out.