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Internal - Yorkshire Wildlife Trust  
Yorkshire Wildlife Trust  
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Date: 21 June 2016

This matter is being dealt with by: Miss Helen Webster

Dear Sir/Madam

Application in respect of conversion of and extensions to outbuilding to form 1 no. dwelling at  
Burgate Farm, Harwood Dale  
Grid Reference 497038 495015

I have received a planning application for the above development. A copy of the application and plans can be inspected at this office from 9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday. The details including forms, supporting information and plans for the application are also available on the Authority's website using the following link:

<http://planning.northyorkmoors.org.uk/Northgate/PlanningExplorer/ApplicationSearch.aspx> and by following the instructions given. If you are being consulted by email please allow 24 hours for these plans to be made available.

I would be grateful for any comments you may have on this application within 21 days of the date of this letter. If you wish to extend the period in which to submit your comments or have any queries on this application please contact the Planning Officer named above who is dealing with the matter. You may reply by letter, fax, email ([planning@northyorkmoors.org.uk](mailto:planning@northyorkmoors.org.uk)) or by using the Authority's online consultation response form.

Many straight forward and non-controversial applications are determined under a Scheme of Delegation agreed by the National Park Authority. If you wish to view the provisions of the Scheme of Delegation this is available to view on the Authority's website using the following link:

<http://www.northyorkmoors.org.uk/about-us/how-the-authority-works/Scheme-ofDelegation.pdf>  
If you consider you will have difficulty commenting within the prescribed consultation period then please do not hesitate to contact the Planning Officer shown above so that we can discuss how best to ensure your views can be taken into account before the matter is considered by this Authority.

Please Note: The statutory date for determination of this application is 10 August 2016. You will not be formally notified by letter of the decision; however a copy of the decision notice will be made available under the application reference number on the Planning Explorer section of the Authority's website once a decision has been made on the application.

Yours faithfully

Mark Hill

Head of Development Management

**Comments:** I have read the Bat Breeding Bird and Barn Owl Scoping Survey by Rachel Midgely of MAB Ecology. The survey was carried out in April before bats became active. Although no signs of bats were found inside the building the survey recommends that an emergence survey is carried out later in the season to check the use of a variety of roosting opportunities in the building, and various cracks and other potential roost sites on the outside of the building. I have spoken to the consultants and apparently no emergence survey has been carried out. **I would recommend that planning permission is not given until an emergence survey has been carried out.**

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