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Subject: Comments on NYM/2017/0717/FL - Case Officer Mrs Ailsa Teasdale - Received from Ms Sara Robin at

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Comments:

The survey by MAB Ecology from September 2017 is thorough and includes details of an emergence survey which was carried out in late August. There were some potential roost sites within the buildings which are situated in an area of good bat habitat. The North Yorkshire Bat Group provided data for a large number of records of bats in the surrounding area. The check of the buildings showed no signs of use by bats and no bats emerged from the buildings during the emergence survey. Common pipistrelle and brown long eared bats were recorded in the area foraging and commuting. I am happy with the conclusion of the survey that the development will have no impact on bats.

An informative could be included with the planning permission in case bats are found during building works. "All bats and their roosts are fully protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended by the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000) and are further protected under Regulation 39(1) of the Conservation (Natural Habitats etc) Regulations 1994. Should any bats or evidence of bats be found prior to or during development, work must stop immediately and Natural England contacted on 0300-060-3900 for further advice. This is a legal requirement under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and applies to whoever carries out the work. All contractors on site should be made aware of this requirement and given information to contact Natural England or the Bat Conservation Trust national helpline on 0345 1300 228" Sara Robin

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