

INFORMATION SHEET ON DEVELOPMENT AND BARN OWLS

PRE-PLANNING PERMISSION

Development proposal



Survey for barn owls (by ecological consultant). Required by Local Planning Authority and Natural England, where traditional buildings or barns would be affected by development.



Barn owls not present or unlikely to be present.

Barn owls present. Additional survey may be required to produce report.



No further survey or mitigation for barn owls required. Submit initial survey report with planning application.

Produce report that sets out survey results, impacts and a mitigation scheme¹. Submit with planning application.

Revise & resubmit, appeal or abandon.



PLANNING PERMISSION

Planning permission granted subject to other planning considerations. Proceed with development.

Planning permission granted subject to other planning considerations.

Planning permission refused.

MITIGATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROCEEDS

Implementation of the agreed mitigation scheme. Example mitigation for barn owls could include:

- retain nest within existing building roof;
- create alternative roosts e.g.
 - ◆ in the roof of new build,
 - ◆ erecting owl boxes;
- timing development outside breeding season (generally April to September) with a construction watching brief ecologist.



Monitoring of the barn owls required after development completed.



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¹ Please note that mitigation must be designed on a case-by-case basis. Mitigation must be proportionate to the importance of the barn owl site affected and the type and level of impact. Please contact for advice.