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Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk
By email only

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Dear [REDACTED]

PROPOSAL FOR NEW POULTRY UNIT, DOCKING ROAD, SEDGEFORD, REF: 15/02026/FM.

We would like to comment on the potential impacts on protected bird species from the above proposal. We note the concerns raised by Norfolk Wildlife Trust and the Norfolk Ornithologists Association in their consultation responses and support their requests for further information prior to any determination of this application.

We note the ecological assessment¹ accompanying the application notes the potential presence of ground nesting birds and breeding barn owl, as well as the potential presence of a range of bird species of conservation concern previously recorded in the wider local area. However, the assessment appears to be based on a single visit at the end of August and without the support of any detailed historical data search from local sources². We recommend that further assessment of the potential impacts on protected bird species is carried out before any determination of this application.

We trust that our comments have been useful. We would be happy to discuss them further with the Council and the applicant if that would be helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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Conservation Officer RSPB Eastern England

¹ Phase 1 Habitat and Protected Species Survey, Ecocheck Consultancy, August 2014.

² For example, the Norfolk Biological Information Service <http://www.nbis.org.uk/>