

Consultation Response: Kirklees Council Heritage & Design

Hoyle Ing Dyeworks, Manchester Road demolition and conversion 2014/91813

Rationale: to ensure compliance with Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 and, compliance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

The updated bat survey has established that the building is not being used by roosting bats and there are no statutory constraints to the development. The following recommendations are made.

Bats precautionary measures

Although no bats were found to be using the building for roosting, roost features are present and bats were foraging at the site so may use the building for transient roosting. To avoid the risk of harm to bats:

- Contractors working at the site should be made aware that there is always the possibility of bats being found during the development.
- The removal of roof tiles and other features under which bats might shelter should be removed with care by hand. Roof tiles should be lifted.
- During the active season (March to October), bats may take up residence in suitable locations, including new buildings before work is completed. Contractors should be made aware of this.
- If bats are found, then work must cease immediately and the advice of a licensed bat worker sought.

It is recommended that if the development is not completed within 2 years of the original bat survey repeat activity surveys should be undertaken.

Birds precautionary measures

Demolition of buildings should be undertaken outside of the bird breeding season, March to August inclusive. If demolition is to be carried out within this period, a nest search by a suitably qualified ecologist should be undertaken immediately preceding the works. If any active nests are present work which may cause destruction of nests or, disturbance to the resident birds must cease until the young have fledged.

Compensation and Enhancement Measures

The following compensation/enhancement measures should be conditioned:

- 2 woodcrete sparrow terrace nest boxes installed integral to the new dwellings within the site, during the construction phase.
- 3 woodcrete swift nest boxes installed integral to the new dwellings within the site, during the construction phase.
- 4 bat boxes, in the form of a Schweglar type 1FR bat box or similar installed integral to the new dwellings within the site, during the construction phase. Alternatively, Schweglar type 1 FQ boxes or similar erected on external walls of the retained buildings (this should be dependent upon the most suitable locations for the erection of bat boxes).

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Guidance is attached on the siting of bat and bird boxes.

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Biodiversity

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