

**Site is unlikely to have any significant bat roost potential Consultation Response: Kirklees Council Conservation & Design**

**Warwick Mills, Warwick Road, Batley part demolition and conversion to flats 2015/92343**

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

The building appears mainly to be in good order, well sealed and unlikely to have any significant bat roost potential. Even so if bats are found, then work must cease immediately and the advice of a licensed bat worker sought.

There are some trees and shrubs to the rear of the site but these are unlikely to have any bat roost potential and the development is unlikely to impact on this area. It may be used by foraging bats and nesting birds.

Otherwise the site consists of hard standing and is not likely to be of any significant biodiversity interest.

**Biodiversity Enhancement Plan**

A Biodiversity Enhancement Plan, to be approved by the LPA, should be conditioned and include the following details:

- **Landscaping:** native species planting of tree and shrub species to enhance and develop habitat networks.
- **Bat boxes:** the erection of 2 bat boxes, in the form of Schweglar type 1FQ bat boxes or similar installed integral to the new dwellings within the site.
- **Bird boxes:** the erection of 1 sparrow terrace and 1 multi-chamber swift box.
- **Lighting:** details of artificial lighting including car park lighting. Note that there should be no light spillage into tree habitats and corridors or, areas with bat roost potential including installed bat boxes.

**Reason:** In the interests of the biodiversity of the site and in accordance with the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 and, compliance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

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