

**Checklist for bat surveys – to be sent to and completed by consultant**

The **bat roost potential survey** should include the following information: consultant to fill in details and tick boxes below (NB if a box is not ticked adequate justification is required or the survey will not be accepted).

**Consultant contact details:**

**Site address:**

**Grid reference to 10 metre square:**

Data search with West Yorkshire Ecology or West Yorkshire Bat Group (both for more significant developments)

Bat surveyor license details

High resolution pictures demonstrating roost potential (or lack of)

Roost potential identified in buildings and/or trees      Confirmed roost

High

Moderate

Low

Negligible

Will the development impact **directly** on the bat roost potential (ie any feature which may be used by bats will be lost or modified)?

Will the development impact **indirectly** on the bat roost potential (ie, any feature which may be used by bats will be subject to disturbance such as noise, vibration, dust or there may be temporary exclusion of any bats present)?

If indirect impact, is a method statement appropriate and provided?

**Action for Planning Officer**

1. If direct impact on confirmed roost or, high or moderate roost potential: bat activity surveys required before determination. See Instruction Sheet 6 for bat activity surveys before determination.

If direct impacts with low roost potential recommend as follows:

2. \*If feasible (ie few roost features) destructive survey to be undertaken by consultant before determination. See [Instruction Sheet 7](#) for destructive surveys.
3. If destructive survey not feasible bat activity surveys should be conditioned for the summer. See [Instruction Sheet 8](#) to condition bat activity surveys.

\*If any signs of bats are found during the destructive searches then the features must be restored to their original condition and bat activity surveys carried out before determination as 1 above.

For activity survey information see below

**The bat activity survey should include the following information in addition to the above information required for roost potential surveys. Consultant to fill in boxes.**

State the number of activity surveys carried out (at least 2 if moderate or high roost potential and also low potential where multiple features exist).

State the number of surveyors (there should be sufficient to cover all building elevations/trees with roost potential).

Details of survey conditions to include: weather (wind, rain, temperature, etc.) sunset or sunrise times, time survey started and ended (tick box).

Equipment used including detector type: justification should be included if only using heterodyne detectors (tick box).

Level of bat activity Negligible

Low

Moderate

High

Bat roost present? If so state species present below.

**Species present:**

**NB: the presence of roof dwelling species is likely to impose additional constraints on a development in order to ensure the dimensions of the roof space dedicated to bats is of a sufficient size to accommodate them (see Natural England recommendations).**

Will the development impact **directly or indirectly** on a bat roost?

Has a mitigation plan been produced before determination if roost features are to be impacted by implementing the development?

If a bat roost is to be impacted has a brief statement been provided stating how the development meets the '3 derogation tests'?'

Mitigation and enhancement should include the provision of bat and bird Boxes: state the type of box, the elevation on which they are to be erected and the height from ground (on a plan for multiple boxes). Has this information been provided and does it conform to the guidance notes produced by Kirklees Council (Instruction Sheet 13 this should be provided in the initial consultation response)?

In what section of the report is this information provided (please state)?

#### **Action for Planning Officer**

4. If no roost is present and bats are unlikely to be impacted by the development use [Instruction Sheet 9](#).
5. If a roost is present but there will be no impacts as a result of the development use [Instruction Sheet 10](#).
6. If a roost is present and there will be either disturbance or loss of the roost use [Instruction Sheet 11](#). A Natural England EPS license will be required once planning permission has been granted.

**NOTE: If a roof dwelling bat species is roosting in a building you must ensure an area of dedicated roof space of adequate dimensions is retained within the development and before approval of the application. A Natural England license will not be given if there is insufficient mitigation and the planning permission will be void. Generally a minimum height of 2.1 metres with floor area at least 5 metres x 5 metres will be required.**

**For hibernation potential recommendations will differ from the above and there will be a need to carry out surveys during the winter months between November and March inclusive. Seek further advice from West Yorkshire Ecology.**