

Consultation Response: Kirklees Council Conservation & Design

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<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Initial biodiversity consultation response for 2016/92029</i>
<i>Location</i>	<i>Proposed development site comprising, 20-26, Cross Church Street, Fleece Yard, Sun Inn Yard and White Lion Yard, Huddersfield, HD1 2TP</i>

Assessment

No ecological information has been submitted. Due to the urban nature of the site and surrounding land the range of species that could potentially be affected by the proposals is low and typically there is limited opportunity for ecological enhancement. However, there are records of nesting swift behind Oldgate House. The last record was in 2010 and at the time the colony was considered to be declining. This highlights the potential for ecological impacts and an offence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), i.e. destruction of active bird nests, but also an opportunity for ecological enhancement.

Recommendation

It is recommended that a breeding bird survey is undertake to include the exterior of the buildings immediately adjacent to the proposed development and focusing on the potential for nesting swift. The report should assess the potential for the development to result in significant ecological impacts.

The proposals should include, if possible, nesting provision designed specifically for swift.

References

There are no sources in the current document.