Consultation Response:
Kirklees Council Conservation & Design (Biodiversity)

Is this a response to an informal consultation request? Yes ☑ No ☐	
Date	*03/04/2017*
Officer responding	*Tom Stephenson*
Application number	*2016/94120*
Purpose	*Review of submitted ecological information, pre-determination*
Location	*11, Inglewood Avenue, Birkby, Huddersfield, HD2 2DS*

Assessment and Recommendation

The Preliminary Ecological Appraisal submitted with the application has categorised the building within the site as having low bat roost potential and has, in accordance with relevant national survey guidance, recommended presence/absence survey comprising a single survey visit. This survey must be undertaken between May and August, and under suitable weather conditions, and can comprise either a dawn visit or dusk visit. Due to the limited time until this survey can be undertaken, there is no advantage to conditioning survey and I would recommend requesting this additional information prior to determining the application. This is the preferred approach under government issued guidance (ODPM, 2005).

In addition to the survey requirement, the report has made outline recommendations for lighting design and deferred any detail on enhancement/mitigation aimed at roosting bats to the subsequent bat survey report.

In this respect it would be advantageous to receive sufficiently detailed mitigation and enhancement proposals along with the additional survey information. This is likely to avoid additional onerous planning conditions.

References

ODPM. (2005). *ODPM Circular 06/2005: Government Circular: Biodiversity and Geological Conservation – Statutory Obligations and Their Impact within the Planning System.* London: Office of the Deputy Prime Minister.