

Consultation Response: Kirklees Council Conservation & Design (Biodiversity)

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Officer responding	Tom Stephenson
Application number	2017_92997
Purpose	Initial consultation response
Location	Lidl, Station Road, Mirfield, WF14 8LL

Assessment and Recommendation

The site is located within the Kirklees Bat Alert Layer and adjacent to the Calder and Hebble Navigation, which forms part of the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network. A previous record of a bat roost has also been recorded close to the site. Therefore, although the buildings on site are not of a type typically used by roosting bats, there is a reasonable likelihood of roosting bats being present and bat survey is required.

Daytime inspections for bats can be undertaken at any time of year and in many cases are sufficient to determine if bats are likely to be affected. However, if a day time inspection (also known as a **preliminary roost assessment**) indicates that full activity survey (also known as **presence/absence survey**) is needed then this information will also be required. Bat activity survey should include some survey between the start of May and end of August.

Notwithstanding the results of bat survey, further information is required to ensure the proposed scheme is acceptable, including:

- Details of the lighting scheme, which demonstrates that the habitats of the adjacent canal will not be impacted by light spill.
- Details of the landscaping scheme to demonstrate that the adjacent green infrastructure network will be strengthened and enhanced.
- Details of bat/bird boxes to provide some ecological enhancement.

Details of habitat boxes and landscaping could be provided as part of an Ecological Design Strategy, as described in BS42020. This should be informed by appropriate ecological expertise.

Suggested Condition(s)

The above detail, with the exception of bat survey information, could be conditioned. Please contact me directly to discuss wording of conditions.

References

There are no sources in the current document.