

Consultation Response: Kirklees Council Conservation & Design (Biodiversity)

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Date	26/10/2017
Officer responding	Tom Stephenson
Application number	2017_93396
Purpose	Initial consultation response
Location	Vale Works, 25, Morley Lane, Milnsbridge, Huddersfield, HD3 4NS

Assessment

The site comprises a complex of buildings which include features commonly used by roosting bats, and is located between two major wildlife corridors. The buildings on site are therefore reasonably likely to support roosting bats.

Recommendation

Survey for roosting bats is required prior to determination of the application. 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.

The document in the following link explains what can be expected of a professional bat survey. <https://www.cieem.net/news/274/cieem-publish-bat-guidelines-for-homeowners>

Without the above information I cannot support the application.

References

There are no sources in the current document.