

Consultation Response from Biodiversity Officer
KC Ecology
2018/90209 Union Mills, Tanyard Road, Milnsbridge, Huddersfield, HD3 4NB
Change of use and alterations to mill to form 45 apartments (within a Conservation Area)
Date Responded:
27/08/2019
Responding Officer:
Tom Stephenson
Responding Ref:

Assessment and Advice

I note the proposed change of roof design, which may have a bearing on the nature of the impacts to local bat populations. In this regard it is important to note that previous survey information has confirmed the presence of a common pipistrelle maternity roost, two common pipistrelle satellite roosts and brown long-eared bat feeding roosts. These are legally protected and necessitate that works are undertaken under an appropriate licence from Natural England.

The LPA also has a duty to consider the nature of impacts to European protected species (including bats). The ecological information submitted to date does not provide sufficient information to enable this duty to be discharged. In particular the precise location of the roost has not been described in the ecological reports and no mitigation has been proposed. Please see my previous comments for further guidance.

Further information is required in order for me to support the application.