

**Consultation Response from Biodiversity Officer
 KC Ecology**
2019/91957 5, Two Gates, Holme Lane, Slaithwaite, Huddersfield, HD7 5UG
Erection of extensions and alterations and formation of new access
**Date Responded:
 28/08/2019**
**Responding Officer:
 Tom Stephenson**
Responding Ref:

Assessment and Advice

The submitted bat survey confirms the presence of a small bat roost in the roof structure, confirming that appropriate licencing arrangements need to be made to prevent a criminal offence occurring. The report also outlines mitigation method statement that will inform licencing, but states that an additional survey visit will be needed to support licencing.

The additional survey information will be required prior to determination. However, assuming no bat roosts of higher conservation importance are recorded, I am satisfied with content of the outline method statement and note that it includes the use of 1F felt as part of the proposed reroofing works. It will be necessary to avoid the use of a Breathable Roof Membrane at this site, which have been shown to trap and kill roosting bats.

Conditions are likely to be required to secure mitigation, but the results of further survey are necessary for me to support the application.