Consultation Response from Biodiversity Officer KC Ecology		
2019/91974	Moldgreen Working Mens Club, 15, Church Street, Moldgreen, Huddersfield, HD5 9DL	
Demolition of working mens club and erection of 12 apartments		
Date Responded: 18/07/2019	Responding Officer: Tom Stephenson	Responding Ref:

Assessment and Advice

The application is accompanied by a bat survey information from 2009. National guidelines issued by the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM, 2019) provide guidance on the lifespan of ecological survey data. These guidelines state that survey data from 18 months to 3 years old will need to be reviewed in light of the characteristics of the species concerned. It is also stated that surveys are more likely to need updating with increasing age of survey data and where mobile species (such as bats) are present or may have changed their distribution within the site. According to the guidelines, reports based on survey data more than three years old are unlikely to be valid. In this case the survey data is 10 years old approaching three years old and will therefore need to be updated.

The proposals will also need to include ecological enhancement measures.

References

CIEEM, 2019. *Advice Note on the Lifespan of Ecological Reports & Surveys,* Winchester: Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Managment.