

**Consultation Response from KC,  
Ecology Unit**

**2022/91968 Jamia Masjid Osman, 32, Upper George Street, Springwood, Huddersfield, HD1  
4AW**

**Partial demolition, rebuild and extensions and alterations to mosque (Within a Conservation  
Area)**

**Date Responded: 27/02/2023**

**Responding Officer: Gareth Hey**

**Responding Ref:**

## Assessment

A Bat Roost Suitability Assessment has been submitted with the application, which is welcomed.

Based on the features present, Majid Usman has been assessed as having low suitability to support roosting bats. The features assessed as holding suitability are as follows:

- Gaps in masonry
- Damaged/missing mortar Gap to wooden soffit 22.

In line with best practice guidelines (Collins, 2016), further survey should be carried out to establish if potential roost features are being used by bats. This should take the form of a single nocturnal survey (dusk emergence or dawn re-entry). Surveys should be undertaken during the active bat survey season, which runs from May to August inclusive, with September providing sub-optimal conditions.

The government circular on Biodiversity and Geological Conservation (ODPM, 2005) and explanatory note from Natural England (Natural England, 2020) indicates that information of protected species, and in particular European protected species (including bats), should be made available prior to determination.

### Suggested Actions:

- **Undertake recommended nocturnal survey, in line with best practice guidelines with findings provided in suitable report.**