

**Consultation Response from KC,
Ecology Unit**

2022/92633 Land off, Carr Hill Road, Upper Cumberworth, Huddersfield, HD8 8XN

Demolition of store and stable block and erection of one dwelling

Date Responded: 05/09/2022

Responding Officer: Gareth Hey

Responding Ref:

Assessment

No ecological information has been submitted with the application therefore my assessment is based on the limited information available to me. The site is located within the bat alert layer and as there are trees that are located within the development site and directly adjacent to the development site, the development proposals have the potential to result in impacts on roosting, foraging and commuting bats.

In addition to the above, given the presence of semi-natural habitats present within the site, with the scheme to include the removal of all of these and given the lack of ecological information submitted with the application, I am unable to determine the full impacts on biodiversity.

Suggestions to planning officer

The applicant should engage with a suitably qualified ecologist to undertake a preliminary ecological appraisal of the site. This assessment should also provide information on the sites suitability for roosting, foraging and commuting bats.

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.