

Consultation Response from KC,
Ecology Unit

2023/90900 32, Side Lane, Longwood, Huddersfield, HD3 4SR

Erection of single storey side extension to create dwelling forming annex accommodan
associated with 32, Side Lane, Longwood, Huddersfield, HD3 4SR (Listed Building)

Date Responded: 18/05/2023

Responding Officer: Gareth Hey

Responding Ref:

Assessment

The submitted information does not provide sufficient information to determine if the site provides roosting suitability for roosting bats and if indeed, bats are present in the building. In line with best practice guidelines section 1.1.3 Intended audience and 2.5.1 Human Resources (Collins, 2016), the submitted assessment and information has not adhered to the following (paraphrased):

- Any individual dealing with ecological issues at any stage of the planning application process should be able to demonstrate that they have sufficient technical competence and experience to carry out the particular tasks and activities for which they are responsible in the role they are performing.
- No bat surveys can be carried out effectively without specific training and some work also requires ecologist to hold licences to carry out the work, legally.
- Clauses 4.4.1 and 4.3.2 of BS42020 (BSI, 2013) state that 'development proposals that are likely to affect biodiversity should be informed by expert advice, and that ecologists 'should only attempt to offer a bone fide ecological opinion if they have the necessary knowledge, skills and experience to do so, or have secured appropriate competent assistance' respectively.

In addition to the above, the submitted information has not adhered to guidelines for standard reporting practices.

It is recommended that the applicant approach a **suitably qualified bat ecologist** to undertake the required works. The application should not be determined until the required information has been submitted.