

Consultation Response: Kirklees Council Conservation & Design (Biodiversity)

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Date	07/06/2017
Officer responding	Tom Stephenson
Application number	2017/90793 (also in relation to 2017/90803)
Purpose	Review of submitted ecological information, pre-determination
Location	Oakley House, 1, Hungerford Road, Edgerton, Huddersfield, HD3 3AL

Assessment and Recommendation

The submitted report identified that a number of trees have low potential to support roosting bats. This level of potential does not require additional survey; however measures are required to mitigate the identified risk to bats.

These measures include supervision of tree removal if undertaken within the bat activity season, and avoidance of vegetation clearance (including tree removal) within the bird nesting season. Where clearance is required within the bird nesting season an ecologist should confirm the no active nests are present prior to works. Both issues could be addressed by securing on-site ecological expertise, and a suitable condition has been recommended below.

Suggested Condition(s)

1. No removal of hedgerows, trees, shrubs or brambles shall be undertaken between 1st March and 31st October unless the role and responsibilities and operations to be overseen by an appropriately competent person, e.g. an on-site ecologist, have been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The appointed person shall undertake all activities, and works shall be carried out, in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: to avoid impacts to roosting bats and nesting birds, and so avoid committing offences under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 or the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010, and in accordance with the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework.

References

There are no sources in the current document.