Address: 138 Almondbury Bank Huddersfield hd58ez

About the application

Application number: 2025/91616	
What is the application for?:	Erection of concrete plant
Address of the site or building:	Upper Bankfield Mills, Almondbury Bank, Almondbury, Huddersfield, HD5 8HF
Postcode:	HD5 8HF

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Further to my earlier comment, I wish to highlight the presence of bats within the woodland adjacent to the proposed development site.

Bats and their roosts are strictly protected under UK law, including the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017. It is a criminal offence to deliberately disturb bats or to damage or destroy a roost, whether or not bats are present at the time.

There is therefore a legal obligation to properly assess and mitigate any potential impact on these protected species before any planning decision is made. To proceed without such assessment would not only be irresponsible but potentially unlawful.

In addition to bats, this area of woodland is likely to support a wide range of other wildlife, the disturbance or loss of which would further undermine the ecological integrity of the site.

Given the sensitivity of the location and the legal protections afforded to species likely to be affected, I strongly urge you to reject this application. There are clearly more appropriate and less ecologically sensitive locations available for development, and it is in the public and environmental interest that those alternatives be pursued instead.