

Planning ContactCentre

From: ENVU Biodiversity and Land Use
Sent: 09 July 2025 11:40
To: Planning ContactCentre
Cc: Joshua Merriman
Subject: 2025/91786 at location Brookside, 67, Hall Ing Lane, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6QW

Hi There,

Please see ecological commentary below

The bat emergence survey (June 2025, Middleton Bell Ecology) is reasonable and acceptable. Bats were found roosting in the building, and so a mitigation licence is to be sought. Birds were also a concern during this applicable.

Suggested conditions

Bats

Bats and the places they use for shelter or protection (i.e. roosts) are protected under the Habitats Regulations 2017 (as amended). They receive further legal protection under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended). Section 43 of the Habitats Regulations makes it an offence to: deliberately capture, injure, or kill a bat; deliberately disturb bats; or damage or destroy a bat roost.

Where a licence is required to derogate from the Habitats Regulations, a grant of planning permission does not constitute consent to proceed with the works insofar as they affect the species in question. The licence must be applied for separately from Natural England, be granted and all licence conditions be complied with for the works to proceed lawfully.

No works are to commence without the council first receiving a copy of the European Protected Species (EPS) licence and mitigation method statement.

Reason: For the LPA to discharge its duties as a competent authority under The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) in relation to European Protected Species.

Reason: In order that the proposals are implemented in accordance with the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended).

Informatives

Birds

All works should be timed to occur outside nesting bird season (typically March to August, inclusive). If this is not possible all potential bird nesting opportunities must be checked by a suitably experienced ecologist within 24 hours prior to works. If any active nests are found, the ecologist should advise on suitable species-specific works exclusion zones. The exclusion zones should be regularly monitored by the ecologist and remain in place until the young have fledged the nest or the nests are otherwise deserted.

Reason: In order that the proposals are implemented in accordance with the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended).

Hope this helps.
Many thanks,
Katie

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From: Planning ContactCentre <Planning.ContactCentre@kirklees.gov.uk>

Sent: 07 July 2025 10:44

To: ENVU Biodiversity and Land Use <ENVUBiodiversityandLandUse@kirklees.gov.uk>

Subject: Attached letter from Kirklees Council regarding application number 2025/91786 at location Brookside, 67, Hall Ing Lane, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6QW

Dear Sir/Madam

Please find attached documentation relating to the above application.

Kind regards

Kirklees Planning