

**Consultation Response from KC,
Ecology Unit**

2026/90525 adj, 61, Leymoor Road, Longwood, Huddersfield, HD3 4SW

Prior notification for demolition of buildings

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Responding Officer: Z. Hanshaw

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Good morning,

I have reviewed the Preliminary Roost Assessment (ArbTech, 2026) and the Bat Emergence and Re-Entry Survey Report (ArbTech, 2026). The reports identified that no bats were roosting within the building to be demolished, and therefore no protected species licence will be required. Bats were identified commuting across the site, and the ivy on the building could be used by breeding birds. A Construction Environmental Management Plan: Biodiversity should be secured as a condition of any consent. I would also recommend that if any external lighting is proposed, this is wildlife friendly.

Recommended conditions

Construction Environmental Management Plan for Biodiversity

No works shall take place until a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP: Biodiversity) has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The CEMP (Biodiversity) shall include the following:

- a) Summary of potentially damaging activities
- b) Identification of "biodiversity protection zones"
- c) Practical measures (both physical measures and sensitive working practices) to avoid or reduce impacts during construction (these may be provided as a set of method statements)
- d) The location and timing of sensitive works to avoid harm to biodiversity features.
- e) The times during construction when specialist ecologists need to be present on site to oversee works.
- f) Responsible persons and lines of communication.
- g) The role and responsibilities on site of an ecological clerk of works (ECoW) or similarly competent person.
- h) Use of protective fences, exclusion barriers and warning signs.

The approved CEMP: Biodiversity shall be adhered to and implemented throughout the construction period strictly in accordance with the approved details, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the local planning authority.

The CEMP must also include the following specific plans / documents:

- Precautionary working method statement for bats
- Precautionary working method statement for breeding birds

Reason: In the interests of biodiversity and in accordance with LP30 and NPPF15

Lighting strategy

No works are to commence unless a detailed lighting scheme, developed in accordance with established guidance (e.g. Bat Conservation Trust and Institute of Lighting Professionals (2023) Bats and Artificial Lighting at Night), has been drafted and agreed with the council. The Sensitive

Lighting Strategy will demonstrate that the proposed lighting will not impact upon ecological networks and/or sensitive features. Thereafter the agreed lighting scheme shall be implemented, subject to any variations approved in writing by the planning authority. All external lighting shall be installed strictly in accordance with the specifications and locations set out within the Lighting Strategy.

Reason: In the interests of biodiversity and in accordance with Policy LP30 and NPPF15