

**Consultation Response from KC,
Ecology Unit**
2026/90921 55, Royd Street, Milnsbridge, Huddersfield, HD3 4RB
Change of use from care home (Class C2) to education facility (Class F1(a)) and associated alterations
Date Responded: 06/07/2026
Responding Officer: Z. Hanshaw
Responding Ref: 2607/03

Good afternoon,

I have reviewed the Preliminary Bat Roost Assessment (PRA) (ProHort, June 2026). The report states that the building has Low suitability for roosting bats, due to the presence of a small number of missing tiles. In line with the Bat Conservation Trust Guidelines, an assessment of Low suitability would require a single emergence/re-entry survey. However, the PRA identifies that much of the roof space in this building has already been converted, and no works are proposed that will impact the roof, no further surveys have been recommended. I am satisfied with this assessment. The precautionary methods, and enhancements included in Section 4.2 should be secured as a condition of any consent.

Recommended conditions
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

Biodiversity Mitigation and Enhancement Plan

A Biodiversity Mitigation and Enhancement Management Plan must be provided to the LPA prior to the commencement of above ground works on-site. The content of the BMEP shall include measures identified in Section 4.2 of the Preliminary Bat Roost Assessment (PRA) (ProHort, June 2026) and the following:

- Purpose and conservation objectives for the proposed enhancement measures
- Detailed designs to achieve the stated objectives
- Location of the proposed enhancement measures
- Persons responsible for implementing the enhanced measures
- Details of initial aftercare and long-term maintenance.

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