

**Consultation Response from KC,
Ecology Unit**

2026/90929 adj, 60, Cowrakes Road, Oakes, Huddersfield, HD3 3ST

Demolition of existing garages and erection of leisure annex with associated external alterations

Date Responded: 07/05/26

Responding Officer: Z. Hanshaw

Responding Ref: 2605/01

Good morning,

I have reviewed the information submitted with this application. The below informatives should be included in any consent.

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.

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

Breeding 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.

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