

**Consultation Response from KC,
Ecology Unit**

2026/91664 adj, 5, Fernside Avenue, Almondbury, Huddersfield, HD5 8NR

Demolition of existing building and erection of dwelling

Date Responded: 09/07/2026

Responding Officer: Z. Hanshaw

Responding Ref: 2607/20

Good afternoon,

I have reviewed the information submitted with this application, and further ecological information should be submitted. The submitted photos show that the building could be suitable for roosting bats, and a bat survey report submitted as part of the previous application at this site also concluded that there was Low suitability for roosting bats. I would recommend that a further bat assessment is completed, prior to determination, to ensure that appropriate mitigation and enhancement measures for biodiversity can be included as part of the development. Bats are very mobile species and will readily find new areas to roost.

I have also reviewed the Biodiversity Net Gain Exemption Statement, and I am satisfied with the information submitted in support of this application and I am satisfied that the de minimus exemption applies to this development.