Consultation Response from KC, Ecology Unit
2026/91730 Soothill Works, Soothill Lane, Soothill, Batley, WF17 6ES
Partial demolition of industrial unit and erection of detached dwelling including associated works
Date Responded: 05/08/2026 Responding Officer: Z. Hanshaw Responding Ref:2608/12

I have reviewed the information submitted with this application. No ecological information has been provided. The development is immediately adjacent to Soothill Wood Ancient Woodland, and Local Wildlife Site and there are a number of protected and priority species records within the vicinity.

Limited information on the building to be demolished has been provided, and therefore it is not possible to assess if it could have suitability for roosting bats or breeding birds. Additionally, there is potential for construction phase impacts on the adjacent designated site.

I would recommend that a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal is undertaken, to assess the impacts of the development on protected species, habitats and sites. This is necessary to provide the planning authority with certainty of the likely impacts of the development on these features.