

Species Enhancement Statement for 5 Lumb Lane and Bat Report

The site is well away from the surrounding woodland and at present there are no bird or bat boxes on the house.

The following notes are relevant to this application.

Guidance on the Provision of Bat Roosting and Bird Nesting Features in Buildings

Many bird species (such as house martins, sparrows, starlings, swifts and barn owls) and bat species (such as pipistrelles and brown long-eared bats) often nest or roost in buildings and all of these species have suffered significant population declines and are of high conservation importance.

Limited nesting and roosting opportunities exist in modern buildings and extensions and bird and bat nesting features are desirable features to be included in such buildings.

An investigation of the structure and roof of the property indicated no suitable voids for the egress of bats. Neither were there any signs of droppings locally and within the attic storage area.

It should also be noted that the complete roof covering and structure is to be removed during the course of this project and due care will be exercised in looking for evidence of bat activity during this process. Should any evidence of bat habitation be found this will be immediately reported to Kirklees.

The property in question will benefit by the inclusion of such features as a bird and bat box and in this case will be external and situated on the gable ends.

The new gable ends face due East and due West and this is the position for the new boxes.

The drawing shows the position of these boxes.