

**Consultation Response from KC,
Ecology Unit**

2026/91933 Fairfield Mills, Milford Street, Huddersfield, HD1 3DX

Prior notification for demolition of buildings

Date Responded: 24/07/2026

Responding Officer: Z. Hanshaw

Responding Ref:

I have reviewed the information submitted, and I'm not satisfied that sufficient ecological information is provided. The building to be demolished is ~150m from a confirmed bat roost, and adjacent to areas identified in the Kirklees Habitat Network. A Preliminary Roost Assessment should be undertaken, and if any further bat surveys are recommended, these should be completed and submitted, prior to determination.

The ODPM Circular 062005 states that "*the presence of a protected species is a material consideration... it is essential that the presence or otherwise of protected species, and the extent that they may be affected by the proposed development, is established before the planning permission is granted, otherwise all relevant material considerations may not have been addressed in making the decision*".