



Ecological Enhancement Plan

For
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Huddersfield
HD34RB

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1. Introduction/Background

1.1. Purpose and Brief

ProHort Limited was commissioned by Nick Ledger to produce an Ecological Enhancement Strategy for 55 Royd Street, Huddersfield, HD34RB (Grid reference: SE10941633). The planning application is to change the current use of the building.

The planning application has been approved, with the following condition set out by Kirklees Metropolitan Council:

“No works shall take place until a Biodiversity Mitigation and Enhancement Management Plan has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The content of the BMEP shall include measures identified in Section 4.2 of the Preliminary Bat Roost Assessment (PRA) (ProHort, June 2026) and the following: Purpose and conservation objectives for the proposed enhancement measures, Detailed designs to achieve the stated objectives, Location of the proposed enhancement measures, Persons responsible for implementing the enhanced measures, Details of initial aftercare and long-term maintenance. Reason: This pre-commencement condition is necessary in the interests of biodiversity and in accordance with Policy LP30 of the Kirklees Local Plan and Chapter 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework.”

1.2. The Proposed Works

The planning proposal involves the change of use of the building from a care home to an education facility.

1.3. Previous Reports

A Preliminary Roost Assessment was completed in June 2026 by ProHort. This report identified that the Site and surrounding area provided suitable foraging and commuting habitat for bat species. Therefore, measures will be outlined in this report to ensure that the development provides a positive impact on potential bat populations in the area.

2. Ecological Enhancements

2.1 Bat Boxes

It is recommended that 2 bat boxes be installed on the Site. These can be installed on any building external wall or mature tree.

It is recommended that the bat boxes are installed on the southern wall of the building, as shown on Figure 1. Bat boxes should face south in order to be exposed to sunlight for part of the day. There are trees present on Site in proximity to this aspect which will provide suitable foraging opportunities for bats.



Figure 1 – A diagram showing the proposed location of a bat box (indicated by red square). Building elevations taken from document “PP - Binder - 55 Royd St HD3 4RB revC” provided by the client.

It is recommended that a 1FF Schwegler Bat Box is used. This is because it is suitable for use as a summer roost or a nursery site. The design is self-cleaning, therefore no regular maintenance is required. The box should be installed between 4m and 6m from ground level.



Figure 2 – A 1FF Schwegler Bat Box With Built-in Wooden Rear Panel, available at nhbs.com

3. References

- NHBS, 1FF Schwegler Bat Box With Built-in Wooden Rear Panel: [1FF Schwegler Bat Box With Built-in Wooden Rear Panel | NHBS Practical Conservation Equipment](#)