



PLANNING CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Application No	2025/1000
Proposal	Proposed demolition of existing commercial/residential buildings and creation of new urban park to provide public open space and associated works.
Address	The Crescent, Cudworth, Barnsley, S72 8SY
Date of Consultation Reply	05/12/2025
Consultee	Claire Wilson, Planning Ecologist

Consultation Assessment and Justification

A PEA and bat survey report have been provided to support the application. The daytime PRA indicates that the building has low potential to support roosting bats due to the presence of potential roosting features. An internal assessment was not undertaken; however, I do not consider this to be a constraint given a dusk emergence survey was completed. The dusk survey recorded very low numbers of common pipistrelle and no bats were observed to emerge from the building. 10 surveyors were present and night vision aids were used to supplement the survey, this is in line with the BCT guidance. I am content with the findings of the reports and have no objection to the proposal, which comprises an urban park and public open space. However, to ensure no net loss of potential bat roosting and bird nesting habitat, a minimum of two bat and bird boxes should be located on, or within proximity to the proposal site.

No objection

*Delete as applicable

Consultation Suggested Conditions:

The development shall be carried out in accordance with the following additional biodiversity mitigation and enhancement measures. The measures listed below shall be implemented in full, prior to completion of the development, and full details including photographic evidence provided to the Local Planning Authority, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority; the features shall thereafter be permanently retained.

- At least 2 no. bat roosting, bird nesting and invertebrate boxes shall be installed in suitable locations within, or in proximity to the site.

Consultation Informative(s):

If a bat or evidence of the presence of bats is discovered on site prior to or during development all work should stop immediately. A licensed bat consultant or Natural England must be contacted and works implemented only in accordance with methods advised by them. This advice note should be provided to any persons/contractors carrying out the development along with the contact details of a relevant ecological consultant. This action is necessary to avoid possible prosecution and ensure compliance with the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.

The works should be undertaken outside of the bird nesting season (March-August inclusive). Should this not be possible then a suitably qualified ecologist should undertake a nesting bird check no more than 48 hours prior to the start of works. Should active nests be found, works should cease until the nests are no longer active and the chicks have fledged and the ecologist has deemed the area to be free of nesting birds.



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Planning Obligations required: