

Public realm                      Central walk and area close to Piggin Croft car park, Hucknall.

For the attention of Alex Bonser:

Dear Alex,

Thank you for consulting me on the above application. I have reviewed the Day-time Bat Walk-over Report prepared by Morph Ecological Consultants dated August 2025 submitted in support of the application for proposed re-development works. The report presents the findings of a preliminary bat roost assessment and nesting bird survey carried-out on 11 August 2025.

On the basis of the submitted information I am satisfied that the areas to be impacted by the proposals have negligible bat roost potential. No evidence of nesting birds was found. No further surveys are considered necessary.

I recommend the following informatives:

All species of bats and their roosts are protected under The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended). Please note that, among other activities, it is a criminal offence to deliberately kill, injure or capture a bat; to damage, destroy or obstruct access to a breeding or resting place; and to intentionally or recklessly disturb a bat while in a structure or place of shelter or protection. Occasionally bats can be found during the course of development even when the site appears unlikely to support them. In the event that this occurs, work should stop immediately and advice should be sought from a suitably qualified ecologist. A European Protected Species Mitigation Licence (EPSML) may be required before works can resume.

All wild birds, their nests and young are protected under The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended). Occasionally nesting birds can be found during the course of development even when the site appears unlikely to support them. If any nesting birds are present then the buildings works should stop immediately and advice should be sought from a suitably qualified ecologist.

Thanks Beverley Rhodes BSc MCIEEM

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