

Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy

Rakewood Higher Mill,
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Summary.

In November 2022 Batworker Consultancy issued a report to support a planning application at Rakewood Higher Mill (*Bat Survey Report and Method Statement European Protected Species (Bats) Reasonable Avoidance and Mitigation Measures. Rakewood Higher Mill, Rakewood Road, Hollingworth, OL15 0AP 24.11.2022*)

Planning permission has been granted (22/01381/FUL) for | change of use of Workshop to Sports space (Use Class E) and erection of exterior staircase to access first floor and 1no External door on ground floor | Rakewood Mill Rakewood Road Littleborough Rochdale OL15 0AP.

This document has been drawn up to meet planning condition 9.

Prior to the approved facility being brought into first use, details of measurable biodiversity net gain features (such as bat and bird boxes) shall be submitted to and approved by the local planning authority. The details shall include timescales for their implementation which shall be adhered to.

Reason: To secure biodiversity net gain as required by policy G7 of the Rochdale Core Strategy and National Planning Policy Framework.

The overall biodiversity enhancement strategy for the site is to provide compensatory roosting opportunities in woodland associated with the site where trees are too young to provide natural roost features.

It is considered that given the presence of nesting opportunities within scrub and woodland already on site for urban/woodland birds, further bird boxes can be considered unnecessary.

Location.



A central grid reference for the site is SD9451914198

Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy - Woodland Bats

The biodiversity enhancement strategy aims to provide roosting opportunities for typical bat species expected along the woodland edge.

Previous surveys have identified the linear deciduous woodland cover along Rakewood Road to be used by foraging and commuting Common Pipistrelle, Brown Long Eared and Myotis sp bats.

The installation of two Greenwoods Ecohabitats Three Chamber bat boxes on tress along the woodland edge will provide opportunities for breeding or non breeding roosts of common woodland bats..

Bat boxes should be installed on trees facing east/south or west at a height above 4 metres.

Boxes will be installed prior to construction commencing in spring 2023.

