



## ASHINGTON SCHOOLS



**CLIENT:** NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL / KIER CONSTRUCTION

**LOCATION:** ASHINGTON, NORTHUMBERLAND

**PROJECT VALUE:** £35,000

**This project involved six schools situated in and around Ashington, Northumberland. Four of the schools were due to be demolished, with new schools erected in their place. One school was due to be renovated and extended and one refurbished.**

Total Ecology was commissioned in 2009 to carry out bat risk assessment surveys on six schools in and around Ashington. Following this, nocturnal surveys were carried out on five of the six schools; with nocturnal surveys deemed unnecessary for the sixth school which was due for internal refurbishment only.

The nocturnal surveys resulted in several small common pipistrelle roosts being discovered in all the schools due for demolition. No roosts were discovered in the fifth school due to be extended and renovated.

European protected species mitigation licences were therefore obtained before demolition could take place and the works to destroy the roosts were supervised by licenced bat ecologists from mobile elevating work platforms (MEWP) in 2010 and 2012. Suitable mitigation to compensate for the loss of these roosts has been installed on the new schools.





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## OUR CONTRIBUTION

- Bat Surveys
- Ecological Clerk of Works
- European Protected Species Mitigation Licences



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