## Consultation Response:

Kirklees Council Conservation \& Design (Biodiversity)

| Is this a response to an informal consultation request? Yes $\square$ No $\square$ |  |
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| Date | $25 / 01 / 2018$ |
| Officer responding | Tom Stephenson |
| Application number | 2017_94124 |
| Purpose | Review of submitted ecological information, pre-determination |
| Location | Land at, Dunbottle Lane, Mirfield |

## Assessment

The submitted ecological report confirms the predominant habitats on site to be generally of lower ecological value, with the woodland area to the north providing higher biodiversity value. This area should be retained and managed to increase its biodiversity value. There is also an opportunity for enhancement through inclusion of bat/bird boxes.

## Recommendation

As the scheme is in outline only I have no objection to the principle of development and recommend the following condition to secure biodiversity measures.

## Suggested Condition(s)

1. Plans and particulars of the Reserved Matters (Landscaping/layout etc) shall include an ecological design strategy (EDS), including retention of woodland in the layout. The EDS shall include details of the following.
a) Purpose and conservation objectives for the proposed ecological works, in relation to site potential and constraints.
a) Location (shown on appropriate scale plans) of specific make and model, or design, of bat and/or bird boxes to be installed integral to new dwelling.
b) Details of how the design of boundary treatments will not obstruct the movement of hedgehogs.
c) Planting schedule and planting plan showing the inclusion of native species of tree and shrub to be included within/at the boundary of the application area, and how this achieves the stated purpose.
d) Details of maintenance.

The EDS shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details and all features shall be retained in that manner thereafter.

## References

There are no sources in the current document.

