

Consultation Response: Kirklees Council Conservation & Design

Halifax Road, 22 Parkham Foods, Millbridge erection of 14 dwellings 2015/90435

Rationale: to ensure compliance with Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 and, compliance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

The survey has established that none of the features on site is of significant ecological interest and the surrounding trees do not have any bat roost potential. The following measures should be adopted.

Birds: mitigation measures

Vegetation clearance should be undertaken outside of the bird breeding season, March to August inclusive. If any clearance work is to be carried out within this period, a nest search by a suitably qualified ecologist should be undertaken immediately preceding the works. If any active nests are present work which may cause destruction of nests or, disturbance to the resident birds must cease until the young have fledged.

Compensation and Enhancement measures

The following should be conditioned with details to be approved by the LPA.

- A landscaping scheme is based upon the use of native tree and shrub species. New planting across the site should seek to enhance local habitat networks and make links beyond the site boundary.
- An appropriate number of bat and bird boxes at suitable locations integral to the new dwellings.
- Any new lighting scheme should be designed to avoid light spillage into tree corridors where bats are likely to forage and/or where bat boxes have been erected. This applies to both the construction and operational phases.
- Fencing which allows for the free movement of hedgehogs across the site post development.

The above landscaping, bat and bird boxes provided shall thereafter be retained.

Reason: In the interests of the biodiversity of the site and in accordance with the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 and, compliance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

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Biodiversity

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