

Consultation Response (Biodiversity)

Kirklees Council Conservation and Design Team, Biodiversity Officer

<i>Major scheme consultation response</i>		For office use
Date of response	22/11/2018	<i>Is this a response to an informal consultation request?</i> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Location	Marsden Fire Station, Manchester Road, Marsden, Huddersfield, HD7 6HA	
Application number	2018_90735	
Responding officer	Tom Stephenson	

Assessment

The updated ecological information, which included the results of suitable bat survey, modifies the basis for my previous comments. Impacts to roosting bats are shown to be unlikely, therefore the LPA's duty under regulation 9 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 can be discharged.

The following condition is required to secure ecological enhancements.

Advice to planning officer

No objection subject to the following condition.

Suggested conditions

1. No development shall take place until an ecological design strategy (EDS) addressing mitigation and enhancement has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority.

The EDS shall include the following.

- a. Purpose and conservation objectives for the proposed ecological works.
- b. Location (shown on appropriate scale plans) of specific make and model, or design, of bat boxes and bird boxes. Bat and bird boxes to be installed integral to new structures.
- c. Details of how the design of boundary treatments will not obstruct the movement of hedgehogs.
- d. 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.
- e. Details of maintenance.

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

Reason: to ensure the development hereby permitted provides ecological enhancement measures sufficient to provide a biodiversity net gain in accordance with policy PLP 30. This is pre-commencement to ensure detailed designs are available to enable implementation as part of the construction program.

References