

Consultation Response: Kirklees Council Conservation & Design (Biodiversity)

<i>Is this a response to an informal consultation request?</i> Yes ☐ No ☒	
Date	23/04/2018
Officer responding	Tom Stephenson
Application number	2018_90954
Purpose	Discharge of conditions
Location	18, Manor Road, Farnley Tyas, Huddersfield, HD4 6UL

Assessment

Amendment and additional information is needed to discharge condition 5.

The condition requires details of:

- Native landscape planting,
- Bat boxes,
- Bird boxes,
- Lighting,
- Hedgehog access through the boundary treatments.

Native landscape planting

A suitable mix of species has been proposed, but there is not information on where these will be planted. The information provided is not sufficient.

Bat boxes

The condition requires bat boxes to be installed integral to the new dwellings. The model specified is surface mounted. Several of the boxes appear to have been installed over doors or windows.

Bird boxes

The condition requires bird boxes to be installed integral to new dwellings. I am satisfied that the starling box is to be installed on a retained tree, however, conformation that the remaining boxes will be installed integral to the new dwellings is required. Where a box type is not designed specifically to be installed integral to the structures, then the means of installation will also be required.

I would suggest replacing the proposed swift boxes with boxes targeted at an alternative species, as there is some evidence that swift a slow to colonise nest boxes unless specific measures are used to attract the species.

Lighting

Details of the location of lighting is required to determine if this will have a detrimental impact on the potential for uptake of the proposed habitat boxes.

Hedgehog access

Details of the location/number of access points is required.

Recommendation

I cannot recommend that the condition is discharged based on the available information.

References

There are no sources in the current document.