

Consultation Response (Biodiversity)

Kirklees Council Conservation and Design Team, Biodiversity Officer

<i>Minor scheme consultation response</i>		For office use
Date of response	29/10/2018	Is this a response to an informal consultation request? Yes ☐ No ☒
Location	adj, 102, Dunford Road, Holmfirth, HD9 2DT	
Application number	2018_93148	
Responding officer	Tom Stephenson	

Assessment

No ecological information has been submitted.

The site is located adjacent to a wooded area identified as part of the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network, which identifies elements of the existing ecological network, and within the Kirklees Bat Alert layer. Therefore there is potential for the habitats present on site to support protected and priority species. Any population of these species present within the site should be considered an important ecological feature, effects on which would be considered significant.

No net biodiversity gain has been demonstrated.

Advice to planning officer

As no ecological information has been submitted, but the mature trees have been removed, it will be sufficient to condition that an ecological design strategy (based on up-to-date ecological survey) is provided at reserved matters stage. A suitable condition is suggested below.

Suggested conditions

1. Plans and particulars of the Reserved Matters of Landscaping and Layout shall include an ecological design strategy (EDS) based on up-to-date ecological survey information (no older than two appropriate survey seasons prior to submission), which will be submitted to the local planning authority. The EDS shall include details of mitigation and enhancement measures sufficient to provide a net biodiversity gain, and shall include the following

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- 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, bird boxes and hedgehog refuges. Bat and bird boxes to be installed integral to new dwellings.
- 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 the lighting layout for the site sufficient to demonstrate that 'dark corridors' will be retained to enable bats to access installed bat boxes and use the site for foraging.

f. 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 a final agreed scheme that avoids or minimises ecological effects where possible and provides an overall net biodiversity gain in line with policy PLP 30. This is a pre-commencement condition to ensure adequate information is available to enable the design of mitigation measures prior to undertaking potentially damaging operations on site.

References