

**Consultation Response from Biodiversity Officer  
 KC Ecology**
**2019/90502 Land off, Fernside Avenue, Almondbury, Huddersfield, HD5 8PH**
**Erection of 10 dwellings**
**Date Responded:  
 26/03/2019**
**Responding Officer:  
 Tom Stephenson**
**Responding Ref:**

### Assessment

The proposals are unlikely to result in significant ecological harm, subject to the measures recommended in the ecological report.

A biodiversity net gain is feasible as there is a significant amount of existing vegetation to be retained, which could be enhanced. The use of habitat boxes will also be a useful addition. A condition for an ecological Design Strategy has been suggested below to secure mitigation and enhancement.

### 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 works.
- b. Review of site potential and constraints.
- c. Detailed design(s) and/or working method(s) to achieve stated objectives.
- d. Extent and location/area of proposed works on appropriate scale maps and plans.
- e. Type and source of materials to be used where appropriate, e.g. native species of local provenance.
- f. Timetable for implementation demonstrating that works are aligned with the proposed phasing of development.
- g. Persons responsible for implementing the works.
- h. Details of initial aftercare and long-term maintenance.
- i. Details for monitoring and remedial measures.
- j. Details for disposal of any wastes arising from works.

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 scheme includes measures that avoid impacts to protected species, provides mitigation for the ecological effects and provides a net biodiversity gain in line with policy PLP 30 (as modified). This is a pre-commencement condition to ensure ecological measures are capable of being fully integrated into the construction phase.

### References