

Consultation Response from Biodiversity Officer
KC Ecology
2019/90634 adj, Netherfield House, 12, Riley Lane, Kirkburton, Huddersfield, HD8 0RY
Erection of detached dwelling with associated landscaping, incorporating existing garage and private driveway
Date Responded:
07/06/2019
Responding Officer:
Tom Stephenson
Responding Ref:

Assessment and Advice

The report recommend further bat activity survey to determine the presence or likely absence of roosting bats within trees that are to be impacted by the proposals. This survey information is required in order to assess the potential of the scheme to result in significant ecological harm. There is no indication within the report of which trees within the site have bat roost potential.

I am also unclear on where the site includes a pond. The existing site plan submitted by the applicant shows a pond within the site, however the ecological report states that no ponds are present within the 250 m of the site. If a pond is present this will need to be assessed for its potential to support great crested newts.

The report also includes a number of recommendations for avoiding impacts to protected species, such as specific timing of works, and also recommendations for enhancements. These can be secured through a pre-commencement condition, but this can be avoided by providing an Ecological Design Strategy prior to determination.

The above will need to be addressed in order for me to support the application.