

**Consultation Response from Biodiversity Officer
 KC Ecology**
2019/91421 Erection of extensions and alterations to stable/store to create dwelling forming annex accommodation associated with Highfield House, 63, Helme Lane, Meltham, Holmfirth, HD9 5PE
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**Date Responded:
 10/09/2019**
**Responding Officer:
 Tom Stephenson**
Responding Ref:

Assessment and Advice

No objection subject to the following conditions.

Suggested Conditions

1. No works to or demolition of buildings or structures that used by breeding barn swallow shall take place between 1st March and 31st August inclusive, unless a competent ecologist has undertaken a careful, detailed check of vegetation for active birds' nests immediately before the vegetation is cleared and provided written confirmation that no birds will be harmed and/or that there are appropriate measures in place to protect nesting bird interest on site. Any such written confirmation should be submitted to the local planning authority.

Reason: to prevent significant ecological harm in respect of direct impacts to birds, their eggs, nests and young and to accord with policy LP 30 and the requirements of section 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

2. No development shall take place until an ecological design strategy (EDS) addressing the loss of nest sites for barn swallow 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 suitable replacement nest box.
- c. 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 suitable compensation for the loss of bird nest sites in accordance with policy LP 30. This is pre-commencement to ensure detailed designs are available to enable implementation as part of the construction program.