

**Consultation Response from Biodiversity Officer  
KC Ecology**

**2019/91610 The Barn, The Copse, Scholes Lane, Scholes, Cleckheaton, BD19 6NE**

**Erection of extensions and alterations (within a Conservation Area)**

**Date Responded:  
30/07/2019**

**Responding Officer:  
Tom Stephenson**

**Responding Ref:**

**Assessment and Advice**

The proposals affect land that is within 500 m of a previously recorded breeding pond of great crested newts, and will affect land within the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network and a building that is reasonably likely to support roosting bats. Therefore there is potential for significant ecological harm and impacts to the function and connectivity of the KWHN

Supporting evidence addressing the potential for ecological harm and any necessary mitigation will be needed. This should be in the form an Ecological Impact Assessment produced in proportion to the scale of the proposals and the complexity of the ecological issues. I cannot support the proposals in the absence of this information.