

Consultation Response from KC, Ecology Unit		
2020/92391 12 Clough Head Farm, Clough Head, Slaithwaite Gate, Bolster Moor, Huddersfield, HD7 4NW		
Alterations to convert agricultural building to one dwelling		
Date Responded: 21/10/2020	Responding Officer: Amy Reddick	Responding Ref:

Assessment

A Bat Scoping Survey has been provided with the application. This survey states that the building on site has low potential for roosting and bats and concludes that with the application of precautionary mitigative measures there is low risk of impacts to roosting bats. A condition will be required in order to secure these measures.

Nesting barn swallows were recorded utilising the building and there is the potential for nesting birds to be disturbed if works are undertaken during nesting bird season. In addition, replacement and enhancement of opportunities for nesting swallows should be provided by the proposals to ensure they are in accordance with LP30i and ii.

Suggested conditions

1. The development shall be completed in accordance with the recommendations within Section 4.1 of the Bat Scoping Survey 1476, dated 1st October 2020: Any removal of roofing material shall be undertaken under the direct supervision of a suitably qualified ecologist. If bats, or signs indicative of bats (eg. droppings, feeding remains) are identified, works shall cease, and a Natural England European Protected Species (EPS) licence obtained.

Reason: In the interests of the biodiversity of the site and to ensuring that no bat roosts are disturbed in accordance with Policy LP30 of the Kirklees Local Plan and Chapter 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

2. No works to or demolition of buildings or structures that may be used by breeding birds shall take place between 1st March and 31st August inclusive, unless a competent ecologist has undertaken a careful, detailed check for active birds' nests within 48 hours prior to works commencing 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 LP30 and the requirements of section 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework

3. No development shall take place until details of the provision of swallow nest cups/boxes and bat boxes is submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority, including a plan showing the location, timing and types of artificial nests/boxes to be installed. The approved plan is to be implemented and retained in that manner hereafter.

Reason: to provide ecological enhancement in accordance with the requirements of Local Plan Policy LP30 and Chapter 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework.