

**Consultation Response from KC,
Ecology Unit**
2020/92495 Abinger Farm, Scholes Moor Road, Scholes, Holmfirth, HD9 1RU
Conversion of agricultural buildings to form 5 No. new dwellings with associated works
**Date Responded:
09/09/2020**
**Responding Officer: Amy
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Responding Ref:

Assessment

A Bat Survey Report has been submitted with the application which concludes the likely absence of roosting bats from the buildings on the site. Therefore, the risk to protected species is considered to be low and the proposals are in accordance with Local Plan Policy LP30 (i) subject to the inclusion of mitigative measures.

Nesting barn swallows were identified within the barn and therefore a condition will be required to prevent disturbance to nesting birds during the breeding season.

To ensure a biodiversity net gain on the site the recommendations included within the Bat Survey Report to install an integrated bat roosting features should also be secured via condition.

Suggested Conditions

1. No 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 immediately before the work commences 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.

2. All ecological measures cited as recommendations in Section 6.3 of the Bat Survey Report dated 15th June 2020, as already submitted with the planning application and agreed in principle with the local planning authority prior to determination, shall be implemented in full and all features created will be retained in that manner thereafter.

Reason: to ensure a biodiversity net gain in accordance with policy LP 30 and Section 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework.