Consultation Response from KC,
Ecology Unit

2022/92097 The Veterinary Hospital, 131 Somerset Road,, Almondbury, Huddersfield, HD5 8HN

Erection of single storey extension and alterations

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Responding Officer: Gareth Hey
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The proposed development will seek to construct a single storey extension on to a recently built structure. The development site is located directly adjacent to the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network, and an appropriate condition to ensure that lighting does not impact the habitat network and species that may utilise this area is detailed below.

I have no objection to the application, subject to the following condition.

1. Prior the construction of the building, a “lighting design strategy for biodiversity” for the site shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The strategy shall:

   a) identify those areas/features on site that are particularly sensitive for wildlife and that are likely to cause disturbance in or around their breeding sites and resting places or along important routes used to access key areas of their territory, for example, for foraging; and

   b) show how and where external lighting will be installed (through the provision of appropriate lighting contour plans and technical specifications) so that it can be clearly demonstrated that areas to be lit will not disturb or prevent species using their territory or having access to their breeding sites and resting places. All external lighting shall be installed in accordance with the specifications and locations set out in the strategy, and these shall be maintained thereafter in accordance with the strategy. Under no circumstances should any other external lighting be installed without prior consent from the local planning authority.

   Reason: to prevent significant ecological harm in respect of direct impacts to bats and to accord with policy LP30 and the requirements of chapter 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

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