Consultation Response from KC, Ecology Unit
2022/92581 Bryan Wood Residential Home, 1, Bryan Road, Edgerton, Huddersfield, HD2 2AL
Change of use from residential care home (Class C2) to a school (Class F1(a)) (within a Conservation Area)
Date Responded: 01/03/2023 **Responding Officer: Gareth Hey** **Responding Ref:**

Assessment

An Extended Phase 1 Habitat and Bat Survey Report has been submitted with the application, following on from my previous comments. The report provides a comprehensive assessment of the site, concluding that common and widespread habitats are present throughout. The report also found that the building on site holds no roosting bats.

The site was determined to have suitability for nesting bird and hedgehog and as such, appropriate mitigation measures should be applied, which can be secured via condition, as detailed below. Should any trees at the site be impacted by the proposals, the clearance of these will need to be informed for the absence of bats, prior to clearance.

Overall, it is considered that the change in use of the site will have negligible impacts on ecological receptors, subject to the following conditions.

Recommended Conditions

1. No site clearance works shall take place between 1st March and 31st August inclusive, unless a competent ecologist has undertaken a careful, detailed check of the site for active birds' nests immediately before the site 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 (as modified) and the requirements of section 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

2. Prior to development, a plan detailing the type, positioning and location of a bat box and a bird box shall be submitted to and approved in writing to the local authority.

   Reason: to provide an enhancement to biodiversity in line with LP30 and the requirements of section 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework.