

**Consultation Response from KC,
Ecology Unit**

2023/91261 land at, Alexandra Road West, Paddock, Huddersfield, HD3 4EX

Erection of two detached dwellings with garages, regrading of land and erection of retaining walls to form access and turning area from Lower Gate

Date Responded: 13/06/2023

Responding Officer: Gareth Hey

Responding Ref:

Assessment

No ecological information has been submitted with the application therefore my assessment is based on the limited information available to me.

From the information available to me, there appear to be limited ecological constraints and the risk of significant ecological harm due to the proposals is limited, provided mitigative measures are applied to ensure protection of nesting birds are placed on any forthcoming consent. The site is relatively close to the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network and to secure a net gain and preserve connectivity through the site, in accordance with LP30, an Ecological Design Strategy should be conditioned.

I have no objection to this application, subject to the following conditions.

Suggested Conditions

1. No removal of hedgerows, trees, shrubs or brambles shall take place between 1st March and 31st August inclusive, unless a competent ecologist has undertaken a careful, detailed check of vegetation for active birds' nests immediately before the vegetation 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 LP30 and the requirements of Section 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

2. No development shall take place until an ecological design strategy (EDS) addressing mitigation and enhancement has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The EDS shall include the following.
 - a. Purpose and conservation objectives for the proposed ecological works.
 - b. Location (shown on appropriate scale plans) of specific make and model, or design, of habitat boxes, such as bat boxes, bird boxes and hedgehog refuges. Habitat boxes to be integral to new structures where appropriate.
 - c. Details of how the design of boundary treatments will not obstruct the movement of hedgehogs.
 - d. Planting schedule and planting plan showing the inclusion of native species of tree and shrub to be included within/at the boundary of the application area, and how this achieves the stated purpose.
 - e. Details of maintenance.

The EDS shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details and all features shall be retained in that manner thereafter.

Reason: to ensure the development hereby permitted provides ecological enhancement measures sufficient to provide a biodiversity net gain in accordance with policy LP 30. This is pre-commencement to ensure detailed designs are available to enable implementation as part of the construction program.