

**Consultation Response from KC,
Ecology Unit**

2023/92200 Former Petrol Station, North Road, Kirkburton, Huddersfield, HD8 0RL

Erection of single storey retail unit with associated parking area and modification to existing site access and egress (within a Conservation Area)

Date Responded: 05/10/2023

Responding Officer: Gareth Hey

Responding Ref:

The proposed development is within the curtilage of the former petrol station and it is anticipated there will be no impacts to the adjacent habitat, that is currently listed as wildlife habitat network. Indeed, the proposals present an opportunity to integrate bird nesting features into the design, that will allow a continuity of the network, particularly for protected and notable species, in line with policy LP30 (iv) of the local plan.

Given the above, I have no objection to this application, and the following condition is recommended, in order to provide an enhancement at the site.

1. Prior to the commencement of development, a plan detailing the positioning, location, and specification of two bird nesting features on or integral to the south-west elevation shall be submitted to and approved in writing to the local authority. The bird boxes shall be installed to the manufacturers specification and retained thereafter as detailed in the approved plans.

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