

Consultation Response from KC,
Ecology Unit

2023/92363 1, Hungerford Road, Edgerton, Huddersfield, HD3 3AL

Erection of detached single-storey office building with rooms in roof space (Listed Building within a Conservation Area)

Date Responded: 19/09/2023

Responding Officer: Gareth Hey

Responding Ref:

Assessment

The application is identical to two previous approved schemes in 2017 and 2020.

An updated Bat Survey Report has been submitted with the application. This survey concludes that, subsequent to some tree removals following the previous application (2017/90855 and), none of the remaining affected trees due for removal have potential roosting features. Therefore, I am satisfied that there is limited risk to roosting bats due to the proposals.

As the trees provide suitable habitat for nesting birds, measures to ensure the avoidance of disturbance to nesting birds during the nesting bird season (1st March – 31st August) will be required. This may be secured via the suggested condition below.

Suggested Condition

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.