

**Consultation Response from KC,
Ecology Unit**

**2023/93576 land to the east of Robledo, Beaumont Park Road, Beaumont Park, Huddersfield,
HD4 5JT**

Erection of detached dwelling

Date Responded: 08/02/2024

Responding Officer: Gareth Hey

Responding Ref:

A Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) has been submitted with the application, which is welcomed. The report recommends that a number of additional surveys are required at the site in order to determine the proposed developments impacted on protected species and habitats, with surveys including botanical, reptile and badger surveys recommended. Prior to determination, these surveys should be undertaken, with results submitted in a report suitable for planning purposes (EcIA).

In addition to the above, the site lies within the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network and the proposals have not demonstrated a biodiversity net gain in accordance with LP30 (ii) which requires development to “*minimise impact on biodiversity and provide net biodiversity gains through good design*”. Guidance released June 2021 by Kirklees Council within the [Biodiversity Net Gain Technical Advice Note](#) indicates that a 10% net gain should be achieved.

Advice to planning officer

Prior to determination, the surveys recommended in the submitted PEA should be undertaken, with results documented in an EcIA.

The applicant should demonstrate how negative impacts to the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network are to be avoided and a how a biodiversity net gain is to be achieved post-development. This is fundamental in order to determine if the proposals can be brought forward in line within Local Plan Policy LP30.

The application should not be determined until the necessary assessments have been received and a Biodiversity Net Gain demonstrated.