

**Consultation Response from KC,
Ecology Unit**

2024/90082 107 , Highgate Lane, Lepton, Huddersfield, HD8 0HQ

Refurbishment of vacant dwelling, with erection of extensions and alterations, detached garage and parking.

Date Responded: 26/01/2024

Responding Officer: Gareth Hey

Responding Ref:

From the images provided in the design and access statement, it is determined that the building present at the site is in an extremely poor state of disrepair, with a significant proportion of the roof not present and therefore given its highly exposed nature, it is highly unlikely that bats will be utilising the building for roosting purposes.

Given the above, I have no objection to these proposals. However, the following condition is recommended in order to ensure there is a biodiversity enhancement at the site.

1. Prior to the commencement of development, a plan detailing the specification, positioning and location of one bat box (Schwegler 1FE or suitable alternative) and one integral swift box (Vivara pro woodstone swift box or suitable alternative) 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.