

Consultation Response from KC,
Ecology Unit

2024/90462 53, Heaton Road, Paddock, Huddersfield, HD1 4HZ

Change of use of land to domestic garden and erection of garden room with associated
engineering operations

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Responding Officer: Gareth Hey

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A Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) has been submitted with the application, which is welcomed.

The proposed development site is slightly within the boundary of Gledholt Woods Local Nature Reserve / Local Wildlife Site. The site is also within Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network. Viewed retrospectively, the development will result in the loss of neutral grassland amounting to 100-115m². Taking into account the location of this land parcel (between two garden boundaries), along with the size of the land parcel, it is concluded that the proposal would not result in any significant direct or indirect adverse effects on the qualifying features of the LNR / LWS. In addition, no significant effects are anticipated on the functionality of the habitat network.

It is recommended that the property incorporates biodiversity enhancement measures via the fixing of one bird box and one bat box within the site. The details of which are provided below. Given the low height of the garden room, it is advised that these boxes be fixed onto the dwelling.

Given the above, I have no objection to the proposals, subject to the following condition.

1. Prior to the commencement of the development, a plan detailing the positioning, location and specification of one house sparrow (Schwegler 1SP sparrow terrace, or similar) and one bat box (Schwegler 3FE Bat Box or similar) shall be submitted to and approved in writing to the local authority. The boxes shall be installed and retained as detailed in the approved plans.

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