

**Consultation Response from KC,
Ecology Unit**

2026/91314 Ash Meadow, East Avenue, Lindley, Huddersfield, HD3 3LW

Erection of detached supported-living dwelling with associated access, parking, landscaping and subdivision of existing residential curtilage (within a Conservation Area)

Date Responded: 09/07/2026

Responding Officer: Z. Hanshaw

Responding Ref:

Good afternoon,

I have reviewed the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal and Roost Assessment (PEA) (ArbTech, November 2025) and I am satisfied with the information included within. The PEA states that the habitats onsite have generally low ecological value, comprising Developed Land; Sealed Surface, Buildings and Modified Grassland/Vegetated Garden.

The trees currently proposed to be removed were both assessed as having Negligible potential for roosting bats and therefore will not impact on bat roosting habitat.

The mitigation measures included in the PEA should be secured as a condition of any consent.

The PEA also notes that Rhododendron, a schedule 9 invasive species, was observed onsite. I would recommend that an Invasive Species Removal Strategy is secured as a condition of any consent.

Recommended conditions

Invasive species

No works shall commence on-site prior to the completion of an invasive species survey and appropriate removal and / or management plan and agreed in writing with the council. Schedule 9 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 lists non-native species that are considered harmful to native biodiversity and habitats in the UK. It is illegal to release, plant, or allow these species to grow in the wild.

Reason: In order that the proposals are implemented in accordance with the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended).

Lighting strategy

No works are to commence unless a detailed lighting scheme, developed in accordance with established guidance (e.g. Bat Conservation Trust and Institute of Lighting Professionals (2023) Bats and Artificial Lighting at Night), has been drafted and agreed with the council. The Sensitive Lighting Strategy will demonstrate that the proposed lighting will not impact upon ecological networks and/or sensitive features. Thereafter the agreed lighting scheme shall be implemented, subject to any variations approved in writing by the planning authority. All external lighting shall be installed strictly in accordance with the specifications and locations set out within the Lighting Strategy.

Reason: In the interests of biodiversity and in accordance with Policy LP30 and NPPF15

Biodiversity Enhancement Management Plan

A Biodiversity Enhancement Management Plan (BEMP) must be provided to the LPA prior to the commencement of above ground works on-site. The content of the BEMP shall include the following.

- Purpose and conservation objectives for the proposed enhancement measures
- Detailed designs to achieve the stated objectives
- Location of the proposed enhancement measures
- Persons responsible for implementing the enhanced measures
- Details of initial aftercare and long-term maintenance.

Reason: In the interests of biodiversity and in accordance with Policy LP30 and NPPF15