

**Consultation Response from KC,
Ecology Unit****2026/91461 Land Adj, 12a, Commercial Road, Skelmanthorpe, Huddersfield, HD8 9DA****Outline application for residential development of one detached dwelling with parking and associated hard and soft landscaping****Date Responded: 17/06/2026****Responding Officer: Z. Hanshaw****Responding Ref: 2606/45**

Good afternoon,

I have reviewed the information submitted with this application. No ecological information has been provided. The proposals are small scale, but from a desk assessment it appears that there are a number of trees onsite, with one proposed to be lost to the development. A bat and breeding bird informative should be included in any decision notice.

Recommended informatives:**Birds**

In accordance with Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 it is an offence to intentionally kill, injure, or take any wild bird, or to damage or destroy their active nests. In addition, certain species are included in Schedule 1 of the Act and are protected against disturbance while nesting and when they have dependent young. Therefore, the removal of vegetation should be undertaken outside of the bird breeding season, March to August inclusive. If any clearance work is to be carried out within this period, a nest search by a suitably qualified ecologist should be undertaken immediately preceding the works. If any active nests are present, the ecologist should advise on suitable species-specific works exclusion zones. The exclusion zones should be regularly monitored by the ecologist and remain in place until the young have fledged the nest or the nests are otherwise deserted.

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

Bats

Bats and the places they use for shelter or protection (i.e. roosts) are protected under the Habitats Regulations 2017 (as amended). They receive further legal protection under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended). Section 43 of the Habitats Regulations makes it an offence to: deliberately capture, injure, or kill a bat; deliberately disturb bats; or damage or destroy a bat roost.

Where a licence is required to derogate from the Habitats Regulations, a grant of planning permission does not constitute consent to proceed with the works insofar as they affect the species in question. The licence must be applied for separately from Natural England, be granted and all licence conditions be complied with for the works to proceed lawfully.

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