Consultation Response from KC, Ecology Unit
2026/91663 Land Adjacent, 5, Fernside Avenue, Almondbury, Huddersfield, HD5 8NR
Erection of detached dwelling with detached garage
Date Responded: 15/07/2026 **Responding Officer: Z. Hanshaw** **Responding Ref: 2607/26**

Good afternoon,

I have reviewed the information submitted with this application. The Ecology Exemption Statement (Hill Rise Architecture, June 2026) confirms that this development is exempt from mandatory Biodiversity Net Gain as it is a self-build application. So long as the case officer is satisfied that this development meets the criteria to be self-build as defined in section 1(A1) of the Self-build and Custom Housebuilding Act 2015, this exemption will apply and no Biodiversity Net Gain information is required.

No additional ecology information has been submitted. However, the site is enclosed on all sides by residential buildings and roads, and forms part of an existing garden. It is unlikely that protected or priority species or habitats are present.

In line with the information on biodiversity enhancements in the exemption statement, a Biodiversity Enhancement Management Plan should be included as a condition of any consent.

Recommended conditions

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