

**Consultation Response from KC,
Ecology Unit**

2026/91780 Land Adj, 23, Suffolk Street, Batley, WF17 7RZ

Erection of detached dwelling with associated works

Date Responded: 17/08/2026

Responding Officer: Z. Hanshaw

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I have reviewed the information submitted with this application; no ecological information has been provided. Several of the trees to the east of the development have Tree Preservation Orders, but there are none within the development boundary. The Planning Statement appears to show that the land within the development boundary is predominantly grassland, with a small number of immature trees.

Given the urban location, and existing habitats onsite, it is not expected that any protected species are likely to be present and affected by the development. I would highlight that birds may breed in the trees onsite and adjacent and it is still illegal to intentionally kill, injure, or take any wild bird, or to damage or destroy their active nests. Any clearance of vegetation which could support breeding birds should be undertaken outside of the breeding bird season (March-September).

Reasonable enhancements, such as the inclusion of bird or bat boxes within the new building, as well as hedgehog highways, 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