

**Consultation Response from KC,
Ecology Unit**

2026/92134 Land Adjacent, 2, Ashleigh Dale, Birkby, Huddersfield, HD2 2DL

Discharge condition 3 (method statement for enhancing biodiversity) on previous permission 2022/93757 for erection of two detached dwellings

Date Responded: 05/08/2026

Responding Officer: Z. Hanshaw

Responding Ref: 2608/13

Good afternoon,

I have reviewed the information submitted with this application for the discharge of condition 3. This is as follows:

3. Prior to the first occupation of the dwellings hereby approved, a method statement for enhancing biodiversity at the site shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The biodiversity enhancement method statement must include:

- a) Purpose and conservation objectives for the proposed ecological works.*
- b) Location (shown on appropriate scale plans) of specific make and model, or design, of habitat boxes, such as bat boxes, bird boxes and hedgehog refuges. Habitat boxes to be integral to new structures where appropriate.*
- c) Details of how the design of boundary treatments will not obstruct the movement of hedgehogs.*
- d) Planting schedule and planting plan showing the inclusion of native species of tree and shrub to be included within/at the boundary of the application area, and how this achieves the stated purpose.*
- e) Details of maintenance.*

The development shall not be brought into use until the approved scheme has been completed, which shall be retained thereafter.

The submitted Biodiversity Enhancement Method Statement details appropriate species-specific enhancements comprising bird and bat boxes, hedgehog highways, and native hedgerows. The Site Plan shows 3 locations on each dwelling for bird/bat boxes, but the method statement details a minimum of 2 of each will be installed. Additionally, the habitat boxes appear to be located generally above windows. Bats can be very sensitive to lighting, so I would recommend that further details on which locations will be bird boxes, and which will be bat boxes, with consideration to the features that these species require, is provided.