

**Consultation Response from KC,
Ecology Unit**

2026/92373 land at, North Street, Heckmondwike, WF16 0AY

Erection of one dwelling with associated works

Date Responded: 20/10/2026

Responding Officer: Z. Hanshaw

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I have reviewed the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (Beamsley Ecology, August 2026) and I am satisfied with the information contained within. The report details that the habitats onsite consist of developed land, and vegetated garden; no evidence of protected species was identified onsite, and it is therefore considered that there is a low likelihood of ecological impacts as a result of the development.

This development is exempt from Biodiversity Net Gain as the development site is <0.2ha, however in line with the NPPF 2026, reasonable enhancements for biodiversity should still be included in any development. I would recommend that further details of the enhancements recommended in the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal are provided in a Biodiversity Enhancement Management Plan and secured 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 final details of the enhancements included in Section 5 of the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (Beamsley Ecology, August 2026) and include the provision of 2x passerine nesting boxes, and 2x swallow cups. The BEMP should detail the location of the proposed enhancement measures, persons responsible for implementing the enhanced measures and the details of initial aftercare and long-term maintenance.

Reason: In the interests of biodiversity and in accordance with Policy LP30 and NPPF Policy N2