

**Consultation Response from KC,
Ecology Unit**

2026/92668 Land off, Sweep Lane, Holmfirth, HD9 1AS"

Reserved matters application pursuant to outline permission 2023/91366 for erection of residential development (within a Conservation Area)

Date Responded: 15/10/2026

Responding Officer: Z. Hanshaw

Responding Ref: 2610/28

I have reviewed the Biodiversity Enhancement Management Plan (Rachel Hacking Ecology, July 2026). The report details that the grassland onsite will be enhanced through the introduction of native wildflower species, and measures to reduce the soil nutrient levels. 12 native trees will be planted, and the existing tree lines to the boundaries will be retained. Rhododendron will be removed and treated, to ensure that this invasive non-native species does not spread, and a native hedgerow will be planted to the southern boundary. Additionally, a wildlife pond is shown to be created west of the dwelling, which will be designed to support native species, and fish will not be introduced. The report also details that integrated bird, and bat boxes will be included in the new development, however, no details of where these will be located is provided. Additionally, the Plans, Elevations and Site Plan as Proposed (Acumen Designers and Architects, July 2026) do not align with the Post Development Habitat Plan included within Appendix 1 of the Biodiversity Enhancement Management Plan- no pond is shown, and the tree planting appears to be located differently.

I would therefore recommend that the proposals are amended to ensure that the documents align, and details of the location of the bird and bat boxes is provided.