



ECOLOGICAL ADVICE SERVICE

TO: Lisa Fisher
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SUBJECT: Willow Platt Higham 20260375

The following is provided by Kent County Council's Ecological Advice Service (KCC EAS) for Local Planning Authorities. It is independent, professional advice and is not a comment/position on the application from the county council. It is intended to advise the relevant planning officer(s) on the potential ecological impacts of the planning application and if sufficient/appropriate ecological information has been provided.

Any additional information, queries or comments on this advice that the applicant or other interested parties may have must be directed in every instance to the planning officer, who will seek input from the EAS where appropriate and necessary.

Condition 14 states: *Within three months of works commencement, a detailed plan(s) showing how the development will enhance biodiversity, will be submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority. This will include the installation of durable bat and bird boxes, log piles, hibernacula, hedgehog homes and native species included in any planting. The approved measures will be implemented and retained thereafter.*

The development is for 1 dwelling therefore we advise that the proposal to install 1 bird box and 1 bat box on the building, hedgehog highways in the fencing and native species is appropriate.

We are satisfied that the condition can be discharged.

Protected/notable species

We highlight that under condition 4 precautionary ecological mitigation must be implemented to avoid a breach of wildlife legislation. The measures must be carried out prior to and during any vegetation clearance and during construction works.

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This response was submitted following consideration of the following documents:

- Proposed Plans and Elevations; October 2024; Synergy
- Foundations and floor plans; October 2024; Synergy