



## PLANNING CONSULTATION RESPONSE

<b>Application No</b>	2026/0188
<b>Proposal</b>	Erection of 2no. extensions to the existing cricket clubhouse with associated hard and soft landscaping.
<b>Address</b>	Higham Cricket Club, Royd Lane, Higham, Barnsley, S75 1PH
<b>Date of Consultation Reply</b>	14/04/2026
<b>Consultee</b>	Katie Lawrence, Planning Ecologist

### Consultation Assessment and Justification

Thank you for consulting me regarding the above application. My comments in relation to biodiversity are as follows:

- The applicant is claiming the de minimis exemption from BNG, with which I concur. The proposed extension works does not affect over 25m<sup>2</sup> of habitat.
- I requested photographs of the building on which the extension is proposed, which I appreciate that you have provided. From viewing these photographs, it is noted that the building is a modern structure in very good condition, with no potential roosting features visible within the brickwork or roof structure. On this basis, I would consider the building to have negligible potential for roosting bats and requesting a bat assessment to support the application would be disproportionate.
- I recommend that an informative in relation to nesting birds and roosting bats is included within the decision notice, if permission is granted. I also suggest that a planning condition is applied so that an integral bat and bird box is incorporated into the new structures, as per our Biodiversity and Geodiversity SPD and the NPPF.

**NO OBJECTION\***

**Defer for amends/further information\***

**OBJECT\***

#### **Consultation Suggested Conditions:**

Notwithstanding the submitted details, before above ground works commence a scheme for biodiversity enhancement, such as the incorporation of permanent bat roosting feature(s), and nesting opportunities for birds, shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority. The approved details thereafter shall be implemented, retained and maintained for their designed purpose in accordance with the approved scheme.

The scheme shall include, but not limited to, the following details:

- Description, design or specification of the type of feature(s) or measure(s) to be undertaken;
- Materials and construction to ensure long lifespan of the feature/measure
- A drawing(s) showing the location and where appropriate the elevation of the features or measures to be installed or undertaken.
- When the features or measures will be installed within the construction, occupation, or phase of the development.

#### **Consultation Informative(s):**

Please note that planning permission does not override or preclude the requirement to comply with protected species legislation. Bats and their roosts and nesting birds are fully protected by law. Should bats, or evidence of bats be found (or be suspected to be present) and/or nesting birds noted at any time during construction, work must cease immediately and Natural England and/or a suitably qualified professional ecologist must be contacted for advice.