

Consultation Response: Kirklees Council Conservation & Design (Biodiversity)

Date	04/07/2017
Officer responding	Tom Stephenson
Application number	n/a
Purpose	Section 257, Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Location	Edgerton Road, Edgerton, Huddersfield, HD3 3AA

Assessment

I have reviewed the representations made in relation to the above application, and have summarised the issues raised that are relevant to ecology and biodiversity as below. Any ecological issues raised that are not directly relevant to the creation of the Woodland Walk are not considered here.

- a) Presence of Japanese knotweed.
- b) Ecological effects on habitats present in the woodland.
- c) Ecological effects resulting from impacts to the function of the woodland as a buffer between development and Clayton Dike.
- d) Ecological effect on bird and bat populations resulting from impacts to habitats used by these species.

Potential ecological effects and requirements for mitigation have been considered as part of the outline and reserved matters planning applications for the wider development. Where required, conditions have been attached to the reserved matters permission to ensure the LPA is able to influence details of the means of creating the Woodland Walk and management of the retained habitats. These conditions also require the developer to manage non-native invasive species (including Japanese knotweed) in an appropriate manner.

It is my understanding that the ecological issues raised have already been considered as part of the previous permissions and should not be revisited as part of the Section 257 application.