Consultation Response:
Kirklees Council Conservation & Design (Biodiversity)

Is this a response to an informal consultation request? *Yes ☐ No ☑*	
Date	*06/02/2018*
Officer responding	*Tom Stephenson*
Application number	*2016_91573*
Purpose	*Supplementary consultation response*
Location	*Cellars Clough Mill, Manchester Road, Marsden, Huddersfield, HD7 6LY*

Assessment

The revised layout is an improvement on the previous plans. The current proposal appear to retain the higher value habitats and have the potential to provide an enhancement to the existing wildlife corridor of the River Colne. It is currently unclear how the proposals relate to the existing mill pond to the west and whether this will be retained/renovated, etc.

Despite the improved plans, due to the location of the site and the number of ecological constraints that exist, the application will need to be supported by up-to-date ecological information – the current report is dated 2015.

Up-to-date information will allow the LPA to discharge its duties in relation to European protected species, and will include details of mitigation needed to make the scheme acceptable. It should also be possible to avoid pre-commencement conditions be providing appropriate mitigation plans at this stage.

Recommendation

The proposals will need to be supported by an Ecological Impact Assessment (a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal Report will not be sufficient in this case). Due to the age of the previous survey it is likely that an up-to-date report will need to be based on updated survey.

References

There are no sources in the current document.