
INFORMATION TO DISCHARGE CONDITON 16

Land off Dunford Road, Hade Edge

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INTRODUCTION

In December 2017 Planning Permission was approved for application Number: **2017/62/91623/W** the 'Erection Of 58 dwellings and associated means of access at: Land at, Dunford Road, Hade Edge, Holmfirth, HD9 2RT.

- 1.1 This document provides detail for the discharge of condition 16.

16. A mitigation plan detailing the proposed mitigation measures to protect the Peak District Moors (South Pennine Moors Phase 1) Special Protection Area and South Pennine Moors Special Area of Conservation from the impacts of development as detailed in Step 4 of the Stage 2 Habitats Regulations Assessment (Appropriate Assessment) shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority before works to construct the foundations of the dwellings commence. Thereafter the development shall be undertaken in accordance with the approved mitigation plan before any dwelling is first occupied. Reason: To provide mitigation for the ecological effects identified through the assessment undertaken in respect of nearby European protected sites and regulation 61 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010.

- 1.2 The mitigation measures outlined in Step 4 of the Stage 2 Habitat Regulations Assessments are as follows:

1. Signage at entrances to SAC/SPA explaining importance of avoiding dog fouling, keeping to identified routes and keeping dogs under close control at sensitive times of year.
2. Leafleting exercise to ensure wider circulation of above information, and identify alternative dog walking routes.
3. Introduce a program of path maintenance.

- 1.3 Thorough examination of the area using OS mapping, aerial photography and ground truthing has been undertaken. Documentary evidence has been provided by Kirklees Biodiversity Officer Tom Stephenson and is included within **Appendix 1**. The closest access point from the site into the South Pennines SAC / SPA is located off Bare Bones Road. However site visits have confirmed that this access point has been fenced off and is not in use. (See Appendix 1. Point 2 / Photograph 2).

- 1.4 Point 1 on the plan / Photograph 1 access point (Appendix 1.) is also off Bare Bones Road and is the closest access point to the new development site located 1.16km away (most direct route by foot). The track from this access point is well maintained and runs immediately adjacent to the SAC / SPA boundary. The track appears well used and is well surfaced. This path is not identified as a Public Right of Way but leads to the area of SAC / SPA adjacent to Winscar Reservoir. The Holme Valley Circular Walk recreational route passes this point.
- 1.5 The HRA is to be updated to reflect the lack of access at point 2 into the SAC / SPA. Natural England have been contacted (by Kirklees Biodiversity Officer) and they have confirmed that further consultation is not required. Mitigation listed within the updated HRA will include signage at Point 1 regarding keeping dogs under control and a leafleting exercise.

SIGNAGE

- 1.6 A notice board / information board will be erected at Point 1.
Wording on the signage to read: (to be set out by sign writer)

TAKE THE LEAD

Thank you for walking your dog without disturbing wildlife & livestock

Protect Ground Nesting Birds Between

1st March until 31st July each year

By: keeping to the paths & keeping dogs on leads & under control

Some of the ground nesting birds you may be lucky enough to see include:



Golden Plover (*Pluvialis apricaria*)

A medium sized plover with distinctive gold and black summer plumage. They typically stand upright and run in short bursts. They nest in shallow scrapes on the ground lined with scaps of lichen and heather. They feed on insects in the summer and eathworms in the winter.

Merlin (*Falco columbarius*)

A small, dynamic, chunky falcon of open ground. The Merlin usually keeps low, chasing down its prey in quick, agile flights. They nest in bare scrapes on the ground in this habitat and are elusive in the summer months. They mostly eat small birds, caught in flight and also a variety of large aerial insects.





Short Eared Owl (*Asio flammeus*)

Medium sized owl with large eyes and broad wings. It's one of the owls most likely to be seen by day, flying low over open ground. It nests on an unlined scape on the ground and are generally monogamous. They eat small rodents and some birds.

Curlew (*Numenius arquata*)

The largest European wading bird, instantly recognisable on summer moors or winter estuaries by its long, down curved bill, brown upperparts, long legs and evocative call, which begins slowly and accelerates into ecstatic, rich, bubbling trill. They nest in a shallow hollow lined with grass on the ground. in this habitat the Curlew eats worms and insects.



LEAFLET DROP

- 1.7 A leaflet drop exercise will also be undertaken. Leaflets will be distributed to all address' in Hade Edge Village and also be included with the Welcome Pack for new homes.
- 1.8 Leaflets will include all the above information for signage. In addition the leaflets will also contain an OS Map of the locality (1 – 1.5km) highlighting public footpaths as alternative walking routes.
- 1.9 The leaflet will also contain the following information:

There are lots of things you can do to help to protect the environment and keep it safe & enjoyable for everyone. You & your dog can make a real difference.... Here's how....

- Make sure your dog doesn't chase any wildlife. This can cause injury & distress to both wildlife & your dog – especially if your pet gets lost, stuck down a hole or runs across a road;
- Keep your dog close to you so that it doesn't sniff out and flush nesting birds during the spring and early summer. Keep your dog on a short lead in areas of open countryside between 1st March and 31st July;
- Follow signs and advice in areas containing sensitive wildlife;
- Clear up dog mess. It can cause infections in people and other animals and it can affect the special soils that some plants need to survive. Take the dog waste & any litter away with you until you get to a bin, even if this means your dustbin at home.

Thank you for reading. Enjoy your walk!

APPENDIX 1



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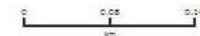




Photo 1: Track running immediately adjacent to SAC/SPA boundary. The track appears well used and is well surfaced. This path is not identified as a Public Right of Way but leads to the area of SAC/SPA adjacent to Winscar Reservoir. The Holme Valley Circular Walk recreational route passes this point.



Photo 2: Entrance to track indicated on basemap. The entrance is fenced off and the track does not appear to be used.



Photo 3: Well surfaced track providing access to Snailsden Reservoir. Stile provides foot access on right-hand side.



Photo 4: Well surfaced track providing access within the SAC/SPA. Access to walkers provided through small gate on right-hand side.



Photo 5: Point where track shown in Photo 1 enters the SAC/SPA.



Photo 6: Stile at entrance to SAC/SPA, leading to track shown in Photo 7.



Photo 7: Track providing access to area of SAC/SPA adjacent to Winscar Reservoir. Track appears little used with no evidence erosion.



Photo 8: Narrow footpaths leading to grouse butts further up the slope to left of frame. Evidence of minor erosion. This erosion is likely to be attributable to the grouse shooting activities and unlikely to be exacerbated by the residential development at Hodge Edge



Photo 9: Further evidence of erosion from footfall accessing the grouse butts.



Photo 10: Signage at entrance to SAC/SPA claiming no dogs permitted on access land, which includes areas within and adjacent to the SAC/SPA. This claim needs further investigation if it is to be used sited as mitigation.

