

Consultation Response from Biodiversity Officer
KC Ecology
2019/91327 Thongsbridge Mills, Miry Lane, Thongsbridge, Holmfirth, HD9 7RW
Reserved matters application pursuant to outline permission 2017/90207 for erection of B1 light industry
Date Responded:
01/08/2019
Responding Officer:
Tom Stephenson
Responding Ref:

Assessment and Advice

My comments of 24/05/19 identified the following issues to be addressed:

1. Amendments needed to tree planting detail in the EDS.
2. More information needed in the lighting layout plan.
3. Mismatch between the grassland establishments details in the EDS and the landscape plan.

Point 1 has been addressed in the revised EDS.

The lighting plan now displays the information needed to assess the requirements of the condition, but this shows that lighting level are too high to meet the objectives for a sensitive lighting strategy as set out in the EDS. To clarify, several species of foraging bats show avoidance behaviour where light levels exceed 3.5 lux. In order to facilitate the use of the areas of native planting by foraging bats the lighting design will need to be amended to include dark corridors that connect native planting areas with the nearby watercourse.

The landscape plan has been updated to show the detail specified in the EDS, but the EDS still includes the previous landscape plan as an appendix. This will need to be replaced to avoid any confusion.