

**Consultation Response from KC,
Ecology Unit**
2020/93921 Huddersfield Grammar School, Luck Lane, Marsh, Huddersfield, HD1 4QX
Installation of temporary grasscrete staff car park (within the curtilage of a Listed Building)
**Date Responded:
14/12/2020**
**Responding Officer: Amy
Reddick**
Responding Ref:

Assessment

No ecological information has been provided with the application; therefore the following assessment is based on the limited information available to me.

I am in agreement with the comments made by KC Trees. Although the temporary usage of the site for parking in itself is not of major concern, the damage it could potentially incur to the woodland is. The woodland is part of the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network (KWHN), therefore any damage to the trees will have negative impacts on this network and reduce its ecological connectivity.

Although development is not precluded with the KWHN, in accordance with LP30 iii it is required to “*safeguard and enhance the function and connectivity of the Kirklees Wildlife Habitat Network at a local and wider landscape-scale*”. In addition, with a lack of ecological assessment there is potential for the installation of the grasscrete and associated works to result in permanent ecological harm to the biodiversity of the ground flora or to protected species. The proposals do not demonstrate avoidance of ecological harm in accordance with LP30i, or a biodiversity net gain in accordance with LP30ii.

Therefore, due to not being in line with Local or National policy I cannot support the proposals in their current form unless sufficient evidence is provided to refute this.