

Consultation Response from KC,  
Ecology Unit

2021/93621 Land off, Fullwood Drive, Golcar, Huddersfield, HD7 4JH

Erection of 10 dwellings and associated works (Within a Conservation Area)

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Responding Officer: Gareth Hey

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## Context

Updated documents have been received for an updated BNG Metric Calculation, Ecological Impact Assessment (EclA) and Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP). These documents provide a comprehensive assessment of the ecological constraints and impacts of the scheme.

Using the DEFRA Metric v3.0, the proposals in their current form result in a 35.68% **net loss** in the habitats on site. Additional options should be pursued with the post development habitats on site to ensure that biodiversity net gain is demonstrated on site in accordance with policy LP30. Guidance released in June 2021 by Kirklees Council within the Biodiversity Net Gain Technical Advice Note indicates that a minimum 10% net gain should be achieved through use of the DEFRA Biodiversity Metric 3.0.

## Advice to planning officer

The applicant should demonstrate how a biodiversity net gain is to be achieved post-development. This is fundamental in order to determine if the proposals can be brought forward in line with Local Plan Policy LP30. The net gain assessment should be brought forward in line with information included in the [Biodiversity Net Gain Technical Advice Note](#).

The application should not be determined until the necessary assessments have been received and a Biodiversity Net Gain demonstrated. Once the net gain assessment has been revised, all corresponding documents should be received, and further determination made by KC Ecology Unit.