Consultation Response from KC, Ecology Unit
2021/94719 Land Off, Burn Road, Birchencliffe, Huddersfield, HD3 3BT
Reserved Matters application pursuant to outline permission 2018/91838 for erection of residential development
Date Responded: 25/04/2022 **Responding Officer: Gareth Hey** **Responding Ref:**

Assessment

No ecological information has been submitted with the Reserved Matters application therefore my assessment is based on the limited information available to me. The Outline Planning Application (2018/91838) included an ecological assessment, however, given the general validity of ecological information is 2 years for habitats, an updated survey and report will be required in order to determine the current baseline value of the site.

In addition to the above, the proposals will need to demonstrate how a biodiversity net gain is achievable in accordance with local policy LP30 (ii) which requires development to "minimise impact on biodiversity and provide net biodiversity gains through good design". Guidance released June 2021 by Kirklees Council Biodiversity Net Gain Technical Advice Note indicates that a 10% net gain should be achieved.

Advice to planning officer:

- **Applicant should submit updated ecological assessment**
- **Applicant should submit evidence detailing how a biodiversity net gain can be achieved**

The application should not be determined until the above information has been submitted.