KIRKLEES METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
INVESTMENT & REGENERATION SERVICE

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

DELEGATED DECISION TO DETERMINE APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT, AGREEMENT OR APPROVAL REQUIRED BY CONDITION

Reference No:	**2022/44/90119/E**
Site Address:	King James School, St Helen's Gate, Almondbury, Huddersfield, HD4 6SG
Description:	Discharge of condition 8 (Ecological Design Strategy) of previous permission 2020/92657 for erection of 10 classroom teaching block and formation of car parking area with associated engineering and landscape works (within a Conservation Area)
Recommending Officer:	Nick Hirst

DECISION – Discharge Condition-Approved

I hereby authorise the approval of this application to Discharge Conditions for the reasons set out in the officer's report and recommendation annexed below in respect of the above matter.

David Wordsworth

AUTHORISED OFFICER

Date: 28-Mar-2022

Application: 2022/44/90119/E

Site: King James School, St Helen's Gate, Almondbury, Huddersfield, HD4 6SG

Proposal: Discharge of condition 8 (Ecological Design Strategy) of previous permission 2020/92657 for erection of 10 classroom teaching block and formation of car parking area with associated engineering and landscape works (within a Conservation Area)

Assessment

Condition 8 (Ecological Design Strategy)

8. Before any above ground works commence, an Ecological Design Strategy (EDS) to ensure that a biodiversity net gain is achieved post-development shall be submitted to, and agreed in writing by, the Local Planning Authority. The EDS shall be in accordance with the Biodiversity Metric 2.0 calculations dated 28th October 2020 as already submitted with the planning application and agreed in principle with the Local Planning Authority prior to determination, and shall provide a minimum of 0.42 habitat units post-development. The EDS shall include the following.

a) Purpose and conservation objectives for the proposed works.
b) Review of site potential and constraints.
c) Detailed design(s) and/or working method(s) to achieve stated objectives.
d) Extent and location/area of proposed works on appropriate scale maps and plans.
e) Details on the establishment of wildflower meadows and introduced shrub planting on the site.
f) Type and source of materials to be used where appropriate, e.g. native species of local provenance
g) Timetable for implementation demonstrating that works are aligned with the proposed phasing of development.
h) Persons responsible for implementing the works.
i) Details of initial aftercare and long-term maintenance.
j) Details for monitoring and (where the results from monitoring show that conservation aims and objectives of the EDS are not being met) how contingencies and/or remedial action will be identified, agreed and implemented so that the development still delivers a measurable biodiversity net gain.
k) Details for disposal of any wastes arising from works.

The EDS shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details and all features shall be retained in that manner thereafter.
***Reason**: To ensure the development hereby permitted provides ecological enhancement and creation measures sufficient to provide a*

biodiversity net gain in accordance with Policy LP30 of the Kirklees Local Plan and Chapter 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

The condition was requested by K.C. Ecology. The submitted information has been reviewed by Planning Officers and colleagues in the Conservation Team.

The submission is deemed to comply with the aims and objectives of the condition, and adheres to the objectives set out in points a – k. The initial submission was considered to lack sufficient detail on long-term maintenance (point k); however, amendments, which included a commitment to a 30-year management arrangement, were made which satisfactory addressed this point.

In the absence of objection or contrary advice from KC Ecology, it is recommended that the details be approved pursuant to condition 8.

Recommendation: Approve discharge of condition

Report Dated: 23.03.2022

Proposed Letter Text

Condition 8 (Ecological Design Strategy)

You have submitted the amended Ecological Design Strategy ref. ER-5842-01 Rev. A to discharge condition 8.

I can confirm that the submitted information is acceptable for the purpose of condition 8. However, it is brought to your attention that hereafter condition 8 has the following ongoing requirement which must be adhered to ensure continued compliance with the condition:

The EDS shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details and all features shall be retained in that manner thereafter.