

**Consultation Response from KC,
Ecology Unit**

2022/92471 Heckmondwike Hub Bus Station, Royle Fold, Heckmondwike, WF16 0HW

Redevelopment of Heckmondwike Bus Station including a new concourse building with waiting room, Changing Places WC, driver offices, 6 No. bus stands, landscaping, and associated works

Date Responded: 23/08/2022

Responding Officer: Gareth Hey

Responding Ref:

I have no objection to the application, subject to the following condition.

Suggested Condition

No development shall commence until a Biodiversity Enhancement and Management Plan (BEMP) to ensure that a biodiversity net gain is achieved post-development is submitted and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The BEMP shall accord with the enhancement measures details within the Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment dated July 2022. The BEMP shall include the following:

- a. Description and evaluation of features to be managed and enhanced;
- b. Extent and location/area of proposed enhancement works on appropriate scale maps and plans;
- c. Ecological trends and constraints on site that might influence management;
- d. Aims and Objectives of management;
- e. Appropriate management Actions for achieving Aims and Objectives;
- f. An annual work programme (to cover an initial 5 year period capable of being rolled forward over a period of 30 years);
- g. Details of the management body or organisation responsible for implementation of the BEMP;
- h. Ongoing monitoring programme and remedial measures; and
- i. The BEMP will be reviewed and updated every 5 years and implemented for a minimum of 30 years

The BEMP shall also set out (where the results from the monitoring show that the Aims and Objectives of the BEMP are not being met) how contingencies and/or remedial action will be identified, agreed and implemented so that the development still delivers the fully functioning biodiversity objectives of the originally approved BEMP. The approved BEMP will be implemented in accordance with the approved details.

Reason: In order to ensure the development provides ecological enhancement and creation measures sufficient to provide a biodiversity net gain in accordance with Policy LP30 of the Kirklees Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework. This pre-commencement condition is necessary to ensure details relating to the required biodiversity net gain are devised and agreed at an appropriate stage of the development process.