Consultation Response from KC,
Ecology Unit

2023/90668 Grange Moor Coachworks, Barnsley Road, Grange Moor, Huddersfield, WF4 4DR

Erection of B2/B8 Industrial Unit and associated works

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An Ecological Impact Assessment (EcIA) and Biodiversity Accounting Assessment (BAA) have been submitted with the application which is welcomed.

The EcIA makes a number of recommendations with regards to protected species that will be required to be undertaken, prior to determination. These include:

- Great Crested Newt EDNA surveys;
- Badger surveys;
- Bat emergence/re-entry surveys; and
- Water Vole Surveys

Prior to determination, the results of the above surveys should be provided in an updated EcIA. This is required in order to determine if the development proposals in their current form will result in adverse impacts to protected species. Once the above information has been compiled into a suitable report, KC Ecology should be reconsulted and appropriate conditions can be put forward.

The BAA submitted with the application calculated the baseline and post development biodiversity value of the habitats on site through use of the DEFRA Metric 3.1. The report concludes that the Proposed Development will result in a net gain of +23.40 habitat BU, equivalent to a net gain of +78.85%, and a net gain +11.40 hedgerow BU, equivalent to a net gain of +477.82%.

Overall, the scheme in its current form is likely to result in a significant net gain for biodiversity at the site. However, the results of the protected species and any required mitigation could significantly require the scheme to be altered.

The application should not be determined until the results of the protected species surveys detailed in the EcIA have been provided, with appropriate mitigation and compensatory measures (if required) put forward.