



Forget Me Not Childrens Hospice - Russell House, Fell Greave Road, Huddersfield, HD2 1NH

DISC APPLICATION

This document has been prepared to satisfy condition 4 of the planning approval for application 2019/62/90633/W

Condition 4 States No development shall take place until an ecological design strategy (EDS) addressing mitigation and enhancement has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority.

The application is for a new car park on land previously used as green area with playhouse. The works will include removing the grass surface to be replaced with hard standing.

The following details have been put in place to balance the loss of green space.

Please see the attached drawing which indicates what our intension are address this loss of green space and how we will enhance the development site.

To prevent any impacts upon foraging and commuting bats, it is recommended that exterior lighting as part of the development is not facing the north of the site.

No hedge or tree removals should take place during bird nesting season (1st March – 31st August inclusive). If works during this period are unavoidable, they should only be carried out if a survey by a suitably qualified ecologist has confirmed that nesting birds are not present within 48 hours prior to the commencement of works.

With the exception of the above, it is not anticipated that the development proposals will impact upon any further notable species. In the unlikely event that any protected or notable species are identified during development works, works should cease and a suitably qualified ecologist should be contacted immediately.

To prevent impacts upon terrestrial connectivity in regard to hedgehogs, it is recommended that the Areas around the carpark are divided by hedgerows. Where fences are to be used, a hole approximately 15x15cm wide should be cut within each fence to facilitate access.

To mitigate the loss of pollination opportunities due to the removal of the trees and hedges it is recommended that soft planting is incorporated into the development proposals. Ornamental flowerbeds and areas of shrubs should be planted with a mixture of native British wildflowers and ornamental plants known to benefit British wildlife. Species selected should correspond with Natural England guidelines (Berry, 2007) and consist of at least 50% native species. Ornamental species without proven benefits to wildlife may still be planted provided

they make up less than 20% of the overall mixture and are not listed as invasive by Schedule 9 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

It is also our intention to have Two permanent bat roosting feature constructed of concrete, woodcrete, ecostyrocrete or similar material shall be erected on poles to the north of the site. The bat roosting feature shall be installed in accordance with these details and retained thereafter. The bat boxes should face on a south-easterly to south-westerly aspect.

One permanent swift nesting feature constructed of concrete, woodcrete, ecostyrocrete or similar material shall be erected on pole. To the South of the new carpark. The swift nesting feature shall be installed in accordance with these details and shall be so retained thereafter.

It is also out intension so have log piles placed in the areas of grass land to the north and south of the car park site. These log piles will increase the habitat for insects and can be regularly added to with them maintenance and cutting back of trees and foliage which takes place throughout the year.

On the wider scheme The Forget Me Not Trust have over the last 12 months created a new sensory walk with large planters and new garden. They have also installed a bug hotel in this area and a woodland walk, but this sits away from the development site in question.

The Forget Me Not Trust have their own gardeners who come to site weekly, so the upkeep and maintenance for the biodiversity enhancements will be a constant year-round exercise.