

**Consultation Response from KC,
Ecology Unit**

2023/93783 Batteyford Playing Fields, Huddersfield Road, Mirfield, WF14 0EE

**Use of land for siting of five storage containers, erection of drying room, recreational space
and associated car parking**

Date Responded: 09/02/2024

Responding Officer: Gareth Hey

Responding Ref:

It is anticipated that the proposed development will have minimal impacts on ecological receptors, being already situated within a recreational ground, comprising of modified grassland. However, the operational phase of the development has the potential to cause indirect impacts to adjacent ecological receptors, including the woodland and watercourses, and as such, a lighting scheme should be conditioned, as part of any forthcoming consent, suggested wording of which is detailed below.

1. A “lighting design strategy for biodiversity” shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority before operational use of the building. The strategy shall:
 - a. Identify those areas/features on site that are particularly sensitive for bats and that are likely to cause disturbance in or around their breeding sites and resting places or along important routes used to access key areas of their territory, for example, for foraging; and
 - b. show how and where external lighting will be installed (through the provision of appropriate lighting contour plans and technical specifications) so that it can be clearly demonstrated that areas to be lit will not disturb or prevent the above species using their territory or having access to their breeding sites and resting places.

All external lighting shall be installed in accordance with the specifications and locations set out in the strategy, and these shall be maintained thereafter in accordance with the strategy.

Reason: In the interests of biodiversity and to accord with Policy LP30 of the Kirklees Local Plan and guidance in the National Planning Policy Framework