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Evidence to go with the letter.

There is one more important omission from the previous comment. The ecological survey, flawed in many ways as it does not include approximately 50 or so medium to large mixed deciduous trees that were illegally and tragically killed with all of the associated habitat species, also fails to include a pond within the woods. It is situated near to the River Dearne to the North of the site, right in the path of any Glyphosate weedkiller run off, (which has been witnessed being used after wildflower seeds were distributed onto the site by residents shortly after the excavations), and I believe annually since. The pond has many species of invertebrate, associated wetland plants and some frogs and newts. It is fairly obvious to anyone making the sort of detailed ecological survey of the site and surrounding area that has been submitted by the applicant: 5.2.8, 5.2.9, 5.2.11 . There are also Horse Chestnut saplings growing on the site to be built upon and I believe that these are now a protected species. For all the glossy print it is my opinion that my own inadequate findings, (I have only studied and worked at Field Study Centers), compared to the professional survey expected and demanded by such a proposed change and removal of a green space, means that any Net Biodiversity calculations are at the least useless and a cruel joke and at the most insulting to all the flora and fauna already lost to this application and the previous one. I propose therefore that all Net Biodiversity Gain calculations given by Middle Bell Ecology must be discounted in the decision. I'm also sure that the survey will be updated just as biased and uncomprehensive for any appeal process.. No bats?! They can often be seen using the proposed dwelling area and the road for hunting at dusk in Summer, they used to roost in the site's trees. I could go on and on with omissions and mistakes but it saddens me so to argue about clear and obvious errors with so called objective experts about such a tragic loss to the Kirklees Wildlife Network, a Biodiversity Opportunity Zone, a site for Species of Importance for Kirklees and Kirklees Habitat Action Plan; specifically Hedgerows and Lowland Mixed Deciduous Woodland, both of which are classified as Habitats of Principal Importance within the authority. All of these have objectives to maintain and enhance what is already there, not destroy everything first so that any improvement back towards the area's historical standard can be sold as a net gain! It didn't make sense then when I tried to discuss this with the landowners and it certainly doesn't make sense now. The Upper Dearne Vallewy Ecological Trust has proposed to use the Net Biodiversity Credit Scheme (?) together with locals' money (similar to Wither Wood) to reimburse the landowner for loss and put this area into the hands of people that are willing to start putting the land, habitat and greenspace back to that which it was before, so that the public of Denby Dale and any other visitors can enjoy its many amenities as they have done for generations. I for one would be willing to contribute to all parts of this process.