Consultation Response from KC, Ecology Unit
2024/91002 Thongsbridge Tennis & Fitness Club, Miry Lane, Thongsbridge, Holmfirth, HD9 7RY
Formation of 2 outdoor covered padel tennis courts with 9m high polycarbonate canopy, one uncovered padel tennis court, relocation of modular building and existing outdoor tennis court and associated car parking improvements
Date Responded: 13/06/2024 Responding Officer: Gareth Hey Responding Ref:

The site lies within an area that lies between Hagg Dike and the River Holme. It is possible that the proposed development could result in impacts on both of these watercourses.

The application form details that BNG is exempt from development, as it falls below di-minimum exemptions. However, if there is a watercourse within 10 metres of the planning application boundary (or within 5 metres of a wet ditch) a River Condition Assessment must be carried out by an accredited ecologist and that person must be named on the Start Page of the Biodiversity Metric that is submitted. As such, it is determined that the proposals are not exempt from mandatory BNG, and information relating to BNG should be submitted with the application. It is recommended that the applicant refers to the validation requirements - https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/pdf/validation-requirements-submission-of-planning-applications.pdf.

In order to inform a biodiversity net gain assessment, it is recommended that a preliminary ecological appraisal (PEA) is undertaken at the site, to determine the ecological baseline of the site and determine potential impacts that would be brought about by the proposed development.

Once the above information has been submitted, KC Ecology should be re-consulted.