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Sent: 18 March 2025 10:51
To: Planning ContactCentre
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Subject: 2024/92651 at location land at, Blackmoorfoot Road, Crosland Hill, Huddersfield, HD4 5NU

Hi There,

I understand that this is a hybrid planning application for

- Phase 1 Full app for >6,000sqm employment area, Units 1-2.
- Phase 2 Outline app >4000sqm employment area, Units 3-15.

Before providing suggested conditions, I do have a few queries about the BNG.

Preliminary Ecological Appraisal:

The PEA report is reasonable and acceptable. Based on findings within it; I would be inclined to provide conditions for CEMP (biodiversity) and Invasive Species management Plan.

Biodiversity Net Gain

- The PEA mentions that the conditions assessment for the baseline was based on site data in 2021. Please can it be confirmed in the BNG report that any potential degradation brought on by the site clearance in 2023 has been considered?
- The Illustrative Landscape Plan in the BNG report (page 13) is unclear and so it is difficult to appropriately assess with the metric the new landscaping will be meeting what the metric is suggesting. Please can a landscape plan with UKHabs details be provided for the landscape plan for clarity?
- Though the entire site is intended to achieve >50% net gain on-site; please can it be confirmed what levels of net gain will be achieved in Phase 1 AND in Phase 2. As these are separate applications would they have separate levels of net gain being achieved?

Thank you for your attention, please do let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Many thanks,

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Kind regards

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