

Sent: 15 May 2025 11:00

Subject: 2025/90035 at location Newsome Academy, Castle Avenue, Newsome, Huddersfield, HD4 6JN

Please see below comments:

Designations

No issue

Onsite habitats and species.

No issue: however, bat and bird informatives will be provided for the buildings where PV panels are being installed. Overall, however the building seems to be in a good condition, therefore a PBRA is not requested on this occasion.

BNG

The BNG report is reasonable and acceptable. The site will attain a net gain of 0.1 biodiversity units, with a medium distinctiveness due to a tree to be planted.

We consider that the onsite element of the BNG proposal will not result in significant onsite gain as it would be delivered by. This does therefore not need to be secured for 30 years but could be secured by a simple landscaping condition, if appropriate, to ensure it is provided and maintained for an aftercare period.

Reason: To ensure the development delivers a biodiversity net gain on site in accordance with Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Informatives

Bats

Bats and the places they use for shelter or protection (i.e. roosts) are protected under the Habitats Regulations 2017 (as amended). They receive further legal protection under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended). Section 43 of the Habitats Regulations makes it an offence to: deliberately capture, injure, or kill a bat; deliberately disturb bats; or damage or destroy a bat roost.

Where a licence is required to derogate from the Habitats Regulations, a grant of planning permission does not constitute consent to proceed with the works insofar as they affect the species in question. The licence must be applied for separately from Natural England, be granted and all licence conditions be complied with for the works to proceed lawfully.

Reason: In order that the proposals are implemented in accordance with the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended).

Birds

All works should be timed to occur outside nesting bird season (typically March to August, inclusive). If this is not possible all potential bird nesting opportunities must be checked by a suitably experienced ecologist within 24 hours prior to works. If any active nests are found, the ecologist should advise on suitable species-specific works exclusion zones. The exclusion zones should be regularly monitored by the ecologist and remain in place until the young have fledged the nest or the nests are otherwise deserted.

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Many thanks,

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