

Planning ContactCentre

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To: Planning ContactCentre
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Subject: 2025/90448 at location Batley Bulldogs RLFC, 7, Heritage Road, Batley, WF17 7NZ

Please see comments below.

Designations

No issue

Onsite habitats and species

No issue

The Preliminary Ecological Appraisal is reasonable and acceptable.

Biodiversity net gain

The Preliminary Ecological Appraisal states in point 6.5:

“Currently no landscape proposals are available for the Site, and as such for the purposes of this assessment it is assumed that proposals will not include any planting of biodiversity value. As such the development is anticipated to result in a loss of 0.24 area Bus.”

By virtue of a lack of updated information, an assessment of how 10% biodiversity net gain will be achieved is not possible and as such, if granted planning permission, there is no guarantee if 10% biodiversity net gain will be achieved, hence would be contrary to Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as inserted by Schedule 14 of the Environment Act 2021).

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.

Suggested Conditions

To be confirmed once BNG updates are provided and the metric is also provided in an excel format.

Many thanks,

Katie

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