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Subject: 2025/90926 at location rear of, 195, North Road, Ravensthorpe, Dewsbury, WF13 3AH

Please see below.

Designations

No issue

Onsite habitat and species

The site appears to have a number of mature trees that may be impacted as a result of works on-site and are well connected to a woodland area.

The site is also within 500m of a Priority habitat (deciduous woodland).

Further information is required prior to decision. Several records for protected and priority species and habitats are present within 1km of the site. A Preliminary Ecological Appraisal is therefore required prior to decision to assess the site habitats, the likely presence of protected and/or priority species, and the value of site habitats to protected and/or priority species.

BNG

The Small Sites metric calculator states that 13 medium trees will be planted post development.

The Small Sites Metric User guide states that “When planting trees post-development size class is determined by the size of the tree at site-planting.” The natural size increases of planted trees within post-development calculations must not be recorded. Newly planted individual trees must be recorded as “Small” at the time of planting unless tree translocation is taking place. No management plans indicate that large tree translocation is taking place. As such, a revised metric where the trading rules are met and the Number of New Trees Planted Post-Development column within 1d. – Tree area calculator uses the Small categorisation for trees is required prior to decision.

Also, the calculations shows that the site is 2,726.52sqm in original size. The planting of additional trees will result in a 4,965sqm area; which is not feasible.

As a result, I am unable to accept the metric as it is now.

Suggested conditions

To be provided once the BNG metric is updated and a PEA is provided.

Many thanks,
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