

**Sent:** 28 April 2026 09:24

**Subject:** 2025/90956 at location Moorlands Cricket Club, Mirfield Memorial Park, Huddersfield Road, Mirfield, WF14 8AE

Please see ecological commentary below:

#### Onsite habitats and species

The site consists of 1no building, hardstanding, woodchip pathways, grassland, 2no medium sized trees in moderate condition.

- Bats – the building was observed to have low potential for roosting bats. 1no presence / absence survey will be required as a result. The trees offered no potential for resting bats, but are no to be impacted by works, tree protection measures will also be added. The site was considered to have moderate suitability for foraging and commuting.
- Birds – the building also offer suitability for nesting birds. An informative will be added as a result.

#### **BNG**

The metric provided (Elliot Cooper (Junior Design Assistant), March 2026) has been provided. There will be an onsite net gain of 0.1789 habitat units with the creation of low – medium distinctiveness. 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.

#### **Obligation**

1no presence / absence survey to be completed prior to determination.

#### **Suggested conditions**

Bat conditions to be provided following survey.

##### Lighting strategy

No works are to commence unless a detailed lighting scheme, developed in accordance with established guidance (e.g. Bat Conservation Trust and Institute of Lighting Professionals (2023) Bats and Artificial Lighting at Night), has been drafted and agreed with the council. The Sensitive Lighting Strategy will demonstrate that the proposed lighting will not impact upon ecological networks and/or sensitive features. Thereafter the agreed lighting scheme shall be implemented, subject to any variations approved in writing by the planning authority. All external lighting shall be installed strictly in accordance with the specifications and locations set out within the Lighting Strategy.

***Reason: In the interests of biodiversity and in accordance with Policy LP30 and NPPF15***

##### Tree protection

A Hedgerow and Tree Protection Plan detailing measures for the protection of trees and hedgerows during the works will be submitted to and approved by the LPA prior to the commencement of works on site, including site clearance and delivery of materials.

Hedgerow and tree protection measures will include temporary fencing for the protection of hedgerows in accordance with BS 5837:2012 Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations. Any alternative fencing type or position not in accordance with BS 5837:2012 will be agreed in writing by the LPA prior to the start of development.

The root protection fencing will define the works exclusion zone around hedgerows and trees. Activities liable to be harmful to hedgerows and trees are prohibited within this exclusion zone, unless agreed in

writing with the LPA. The approved hedgerow and tree protection measures will remain in place until the completion of development or unless otherwise agreed in writing with the LPA.

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## **Informatives**

### 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.

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

Many thanks, Katie

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