Planning ContactCentre

From: ENVU Biodiversity and Land Use
Sent: 23 June 2025 12:10
To: Planning ContactCentre
Subject: 2025/91185 at location building at, Back Chapel Lane, Moldgreen, Huddersfield, HD5 9BG

Designations
No issue

Onsite habitats and species
The Ecological Impact Assessment is reasonable and acceptable.
There is a recommendation for 1no. bat emergence survey and an invasive species survey. These can be placed in as reserved matters but should be conditioned.
There are further recommendations for S41 habitats, the Wildlife Habitat Network, Flora (WCA Sch 8, CHSR Sch 5, S41, KBAP), Invertebrates, Birds, Bats, Badgers, and Hedgehogs. These can all be covered by a CEMP – which should have reference to the EcIA.
Furthermore, enhancements will also be conditioned for the application.

BNG
Following confirmations in the email attached; the BNG metric and report are noted as reasonable and acceptable.
In the metric, it is noted that a non-significant (<0.5 biodiversity units) onsite net gain with a net gain of 0.02 of habitat units (V low – Medium distinctiveness) and 0.01 hedgerow units (low distinctiveness habitats). This does 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.

Suggested Conditions

Habitats / Species

A condition for a CEMP: Biodiversity (Construction Environment Management Plan) is advised, e.g.

No works shall take place until a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP: Biodiversity) has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The CEMP (Biodiversity) shall include the following:

a) Summary of potentially damaging activities
b) Identification of "biodiversity protection zones"
c) Practical measures (both physical measures and sensitive working practices) to avoid or reduce impacts during construction (these may be provided as a set of method statements)
d) The location and timing of sensitive works to avoid harm to biodiversity features.
e) The times during construction when specialist ecologists need to be present on site to oversee works.
f) Responsible persons and lines of communication.

g) The role and responsibilities on site of an ecological clerk of works (ECoW) or similarly competent person.
h) Use of protective fences, exclusion barriers and warning signs.
The approved CEMP: Biodiversity shall be adhered to and implemented throughout the construction period strictly in accordance with the approved details, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the local planning authority.
Reason: In the interests of biodiversity and in accordance with LP30 and NPPF15.

Bats
The bat emergence surveys must be completed within the bat survey season (1st May to 31st August inclusive).
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: For the LPA to discharge its duties as a competent authority under The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) in relation to European Protected Species.

Enhancements
A Biodiversity Enhancement Management Plan must be provided to the LPA prior to the commencement of works on-site. It must include the following items that will be installed post development:

- 1no. bat boxes
- 1no. bird box onsite
- Small holes within fences (and other mechanisms) for hedgehogs' mobility.

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

Many thanks,
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From: Planning ContactCentre <Planning.ContactCentre@kirklees.gov.uk>
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Subject: Attached letter from Kirklees Council regarding application number 2025/91185 at location building at, Back Chapel Lane, Moldgreen, Huddersfield, HD5 9BG

Dear Sir/Madam

Please find attached documentation relating to the above application.

Kind regards

Kirklees Planning