

Planning ContactCentre

From: ENVU Biodiversity and Land Use
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To: Planning ContactCentre
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Subject: 2025/91488 at location Barnside Farm, Barnside Lane, Hepworth, Holmfirth, HD9 1TN

Please find ecological commentary below:

Designations

No issue

Onsite habitats and species

A PEA has not been provided as part of this application.

There are priority habitats for woodland and grassland within 500m of the site. There are a series of mature trees to the southwest of the site, with good connectivity to the wider surrounding habitats. A watercourse is within 200m of the site. The barns have not been considered to ensure no impact to potential roosting bats or nesting birds.

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 BNG report and excel format of the metric are reasonable and acceptable.

It is noted that a non-significant (<0.5 biodiversity units) onsite net gain of 0.0.0233 (medium distinctiveness – trees and shrubs) habitat units. 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.

Suggested conditions

Tbc once PEA provided.

Hope this helps.

Many thanks,
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