

**Sent:** 14 July 2025 13:47

**Subject:** 2025/91631 at location West View, Browns Knoll Road, Thurstonland, Huddersfield, HD4 6XG

Please see ecological commentary below:

### **Designations**

No issue

### **Onsite habitats and species**

The site has hedgerows on it with good connectivity to the wider landscape.

A priority habitat of woodland and watercourse are directly adjacent to the east of the site.

There are also further watercourses and priority habitats for grassland and ancient woodland within 1km of the site.

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.

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

### **BNG**

The BNG report and metric are reasonable and acceptable. The site will attain a net gain of 0.0544 biodiversity units (10.47% net gain), due to habitat being enhanced with grassland.

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.

**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 provided once PEA is provided.

Many thanks,  
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