

Planning ContactCentre

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Subject: 2025/91903 at location Land adjacent, 837, Manchester Road, Linthwaite, Huddersfield, HD7 5NF

Categories:

Please see ecological commentary below:

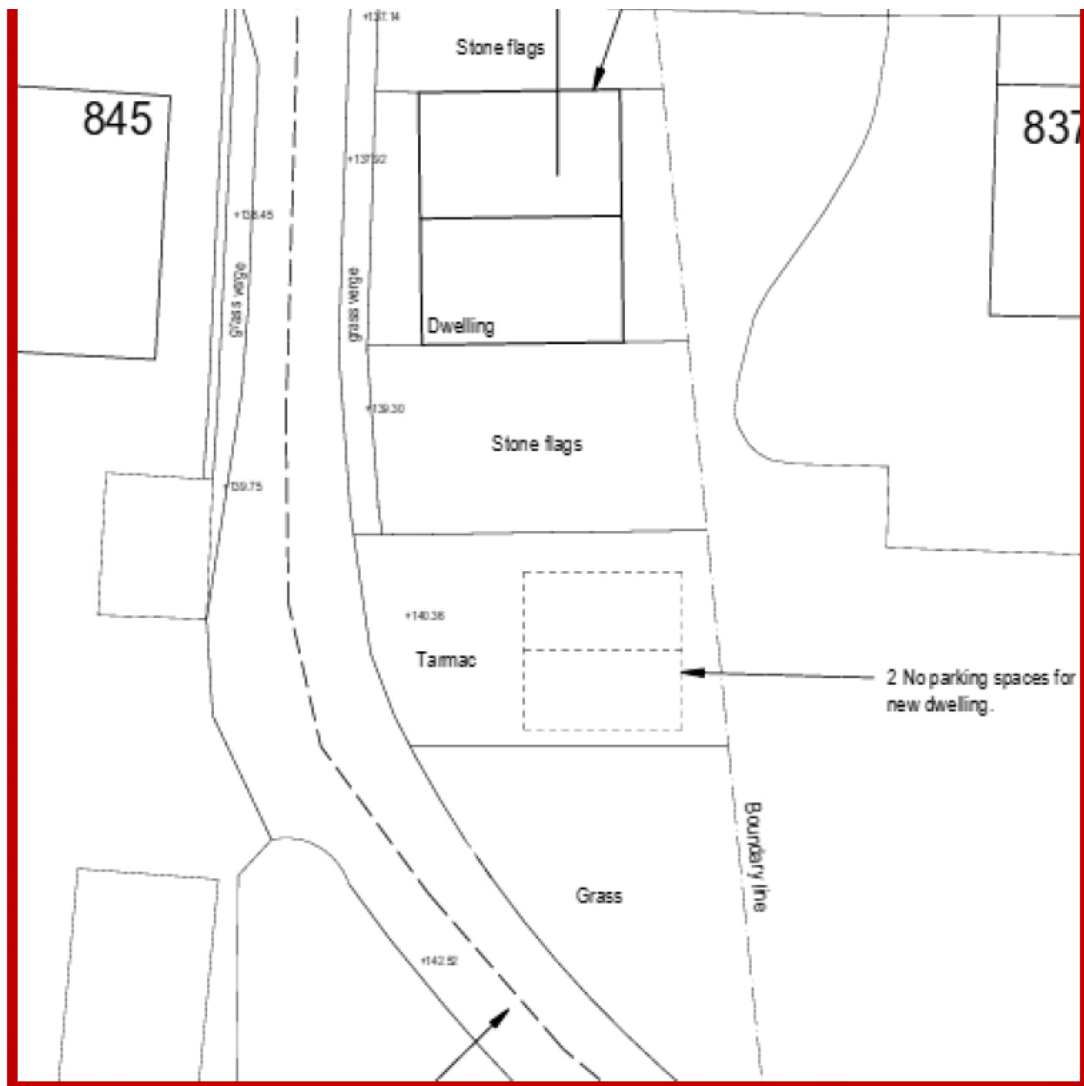
Designations

Huddersfield Narrow Canal LWS – 340m north of the site
Low Westwood Pond LWS – 580m northeast of the site

Onsite habitats and species

The Preliminary Ecological Appraisal and Bat Scoping Report (JCA, April 2025) is reasonable and acceptable. Bluebells were observed within trees T08-T12. It is recommended that these trees be retained. A tree protection conditions will be added. The applicant currently does not have permission to remove these trees as bluebells are partially protected under WCA Schedule 8. Currently, from the Design and Access Statement (AK Planning, July 2025) the proposed stone flags and tarmac area for car parking is to replace the areas of trees where the bluebells are. It is recommended that the plans are reviewed to ensure no disruption to the trees occur.





Also, the site has some suitability for foraging / commuting bats, nesting birds, foraging / commuting badgers, hedgehogs, and reptiles. As a result a lighting strategy and CEMP will also be conditioned.

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The statutory metric (excel spreadsheet) has not been provided, the excel spreadsheet for the HCA has been, however.

As a result, the baseline calcs mentioned in the report cannot be validated.

It is recommended that post development calcs are reviewed as currently the applicant does not have permission from Kirklees Council to remove trees T08-T12 as WCA partially protected bluebells have been observed in that area. The current post development plans are not accepted.

Suggested conditions

TBC once post development plans are reviewed to protect the trees and bluebells onsite.

Many thanks, Katie

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