

From: ENVU Biodiversity and Land Use
Sent: 31 July 2025 10:50
To: Planning ContactCentre
Subject: 2025/91905 at location Land at, Woodhead Road, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6PU

Hi There,

Please see ecological commentary below:

Designations

No issue

Onsite habitats and species

The Ecological Impact Assessment is reasonable and acceptable.

There are recommendations for bats, birds, and hedgehogs – which can be covered by a CEMP. The site is also within 20m of a watercourse, and so water pollution prevention measures will be conditioned to be part of the CEMP.

Lighting conditions will also be included.

BNG

The BNG report and metric are reasonable and acceptable. The site will attain a net gain of 0.13 biodiversity units (59.11% net gain), due to trees, and mixed scrub being created; as well as mixed scrub being enhanced. This will result in v. low to medium distinctiveness habitats.

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

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.

The CEMP must also include the following specific plans / documents:

- Pollution Prevention Plan for the watercourses and ponds near the site (using good practice guidance such as CIRIA C532)

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

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

Hope this helps.

Many thanks,

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