

DC Admin

From: ENVU Biodiversity and Land Use
Sent: 22 January 2026 08:13
To: Planning ContactCentre
Subject: 2025/92139 at location The Old Dewsbury Library, Wellington Road, Dewsbury, WF13 1HN

Please see ecological commentary below:

Designations

No Issue

Onsite habitats and species

The site is within 150m of the River Calder and 300m of a priority habitat (deciduous woodland).
Reviewing the Structural report (Topping Engineers, October 2025) and the design pack (Orange Design Studio) the building, which is to be impacted from works does appear to have features for roosting bats and 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 and Preliminary Bat Roost Assessment are 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 development appears to be within the original footprint of the building / hardstanding (according to the description provided by the application) and is therefore BNG requirements are exempt as set out in Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended). Should more information come to light, please do let me know.

Suggested conditions

To be confirmed once a PEA / PBRA is provided.

Many thanks,
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