

DC Admin

From: ENVU Biodiversity and Land Use
Sent: 23 September 2025 10:57
To: Kerri Simpson
Cc: Planning ContactCentre
Subject: 2025/92327 at location Land adjacent to, 185, Woodhead Road, Holmbridge, HD9 2NW

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Hi There,

Please see ecological commentary below:

Designations

No issue

Onsite habitats and species

The Preliminary Ecological Appraisal and Biodiversity net gain Assessment report is reasonable and acceptable.

There are further recommendations for the following surveys:

- Birds – Breeding Birds surveys
- River – White Clawed Crayfish surveys and Otter surveys
- Badger survey
- Invasive species – Himalayan Balsam and Cotoneaster

Bats

- B1 is determined to be of high potential for roosting bats (3no. presence / absence surveys would need to be provided)
- B2 is determined to have moderate potential for roosting bats (2no. presence / absence surveys would need to be provided)
- The retaining wall (with heavily overgrown nature) displays potential for roosting bats for what was seen – Precautionary Working Method Statement is required

Though it is understood that these are not to be impacted during works, however the site and surrounding area does provide a good area for foraging and commuting for bats.

Given the amount of vegetation to be removed it will be required to have the bat surveys and PWMS completed.

It is noted that the site is adjacent to the River Holme. Pollution Protection Measures for the watercourse (using good practice guidance such as CIRIA C532) must be implemented onsite and will be added to a CEMP condition.

As a result of the commentary above – an Ecological Impact Assessment with all surveys completed will need to be provided before this application can be commented on any further.

BNG

The BNG metric is not available and will need to be provided for review to ensure that the baseline is acceptable.

Currently I have the HCA conditions excel spreadsheet, but the metric is required.

No further commentary can be added until this provided.

Suggested conditions

N/A until BNG and EcIA information is provided.

Many thanks,
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