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Subject: 2025/92440 at location Lumb Lane Nurseries, Lumb Lane, Almondbury, Huddersfield, HD4 6SZ

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Hi There,

Please see ecological commentary below:

Designations

Arkenley Lane LWS, Almondbury Common LWS, and Arthur, Molly Carr and Roaf Woods LWS are all within 500m of the site.

Onsite site habitats and species

The Preliminary Ecological Appraisal and Bat Emergence Survey reports were both completed in June / August 2023. As a result, they are out of date.

It is required that an ecological technical report is provided to confirm that there are no changes from the original report, also it may be potentially required to have another bat emergence survey to take place in order to ensure there are no changes from the original report, which confirmed that no bats were observed emerging from the building.

There is a high priority woodland habitat adjacent to the site. Once an updated detail for the PEA and bat survey is provided a tree protection plan condition will be included in the commentary.

BNG

The BNG Assessment report and corresponding metric are reasonable and acceptable (were completed in 2025).

There is note of an onsite net gain of 0.10 (52.86%) habitat units (low to medium distinctiveness) and 0.01 (12.55%) hedgerow habitats (v. low distinctiveness).

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.

Suggested conditions

To be confirmed once the PEA and Bat emergence survey reports are updated.

Many thanks,
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