

DC Admin

From: ENVU Biodiversity and Land Use
Sent: 26 November 2025 08:40
To: Planning ContactCentre
Subject: 2025/92541 at location Land off, Roslyn Avenue, Netherton, Huddersfield, HD4 7EW

Hi There,

Please see ecological commentary below:

Designations

Dean Wood LWS is directly adjacent to the site – There is also a watercourse within the wood, within 200m of the site.

Delves Wood, LWS is 570m northeast of the site

Spring Wood Honley, LWS is 680m southeast of the site

Onsite habitats and species

The Ecological Impact Assessment and Badger Survey reports are reasonable and acceptable. The following has been mentioned:

Bats - A single elder tree on the northern Site boundary has Moderate bat roosting potential, though will be retained. A tree protection condition will be added for this and for the woodland (Dean Wood LWS) adjacent to the site. A lighting strategy will also be conditioned.

There are recommendations for bats, birds, , and hedgehogs, which can be covered by a conditioned CEMP.

Enhancements will also be conditioned.

BNG

The BNG assessment and metric are acceptable. The baseline calculations are valid.

The report indicates an onsite net gain of 1.25 (15.31%) habitat units, 3.81 (1585.31%) and hedgerow units.

This will be through the creation and enhancement of habitats with v low to high distinctiveness.

Significant net gain (>0.5 biodiversity units) is considered to be achieved. This does need to be secured for 30 years through a HMMP condition to ensure it is provided and maintained for an aftercare period.

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:

- Mitigation / precautionary measures for the Dean Wood LWS.
- Pollution Prevention Plan for the watercourses and waterbodies (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

Tree protection

A Hedgerow and Tree Protection Plan detailing measures for the protection of trees and hedgerows during the works will be submitted to and approved by the LPA prior to the commencement of works on site, including site clearance and delivery of materials.

Hedgerow and tree protection measures will include temporary fencing for the protection of hedgerows in accordance with BS 5837:2012 Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations. Any alternative fencing type or position not in accordance with BS 5837:2012 will be agreed in writing by the LPA prior to the start of development.

The root protection fencing will define the works exclusion zone around hedgerows and trees. Activities liable to be harmful to hedgerows and trees are prohibited within this exclusion zone, unless agreed in writing with the LPA. The approved hedgerow and tree protection measures will remain in place until the completion of development or unless otherwise agreed in writing with the LPA.

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

Enhancements

A Biodiversity Enhancement Management Plan must be provided to the LPA prior to the commencement of works on-site. It must include the following items that will be installed post development:

- 10no Bird boxes for swifts and house sparrows.
- 10no bat boxes
- A planting scheme should be implemented within the scheme with fruit trees and flowerbeds. Plantings should comprise native species of high biodiversity value.
- Small holes within fences (and other mechanisms) for hedgehogs' mobility.

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

Onsite BNG – 30 year HMMP

The development shall not commence until a Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan (the HMMP), prepared in accordance with the approved Biodiversity Gain Plan and including:

- a) a non-technical summary;
- b) the roles and responsibilities of the people or organisation(s) delivering the HMMP;
- c) the planned habitat creation and enhancement works to create or improve habitat to achieve the biodiversity net gain in accordance with the approved Biodiversity Gain Plan;
- d) the management measures to maintain habitat in accordance with the approved Biodiversity Gain Plan for a period of 10 years from the completion of development; and
- e) the monitoring methodology and frequency in respect of the created or enhanced habitat to be submitted to the local planning authority, has been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the local planning authority. Notice in writing shall be given to the Council when the:
 - a) HMMP has been implemented; and
 - b) habitat creation and enhancement works as set out in the HMMP have been completed.

The created and/or enhanced habitat specified in the approved HMMP shall be managed and maintained in accordance with the approved HMMP. Monitoring reports shall be submitted to local planning authority in writing in accordance with the methodology and frequency specified in the approved HMMP.

We also recommend a draft biodiversity gain plan is submitted.

Many thanks,
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