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**From:** ENVU Biodiversity and Land Use  
**Sent:** 25 November 2025 10:15  
**To:** Planning ContactCentre  
**Subject:** 2025/92997 at location Holy Trinity Church, Trinity Drive, Denby Dale, Huddersfield, HD8 8UZ

Hi There,

Please see ecological commentary below:

### Designations

No issue

### Onsite habitats and species

The site consists of a large building worship, grassland, trees, hedgerows, and graves.

It is not intended for the works to conduct exterior / structural changes.

As a result, informatives for bats and birds will be provided. Lighting and tree/hedgerow protection conditions will also be added.

The site is within 100m of priority habitats (deciduous woodland) and the River Dearne. Though no works are considered to directly impact these areas – a CEMP will be conditioned in order to ensure pollution prevention measures are implemented during works.

### BNG

Apologies, but the BNG calcs are a little confusing.

The plans provided show only a certain area of the site will be impacted by the erection of the outdoor classroom (30m<sup>2</sup>). It appears in this area that only modified grassland will be impacted.

The BNG calcs take into account the entire site.

Please can landscape plans pre and post development be provided by the applicant in order to understand the layouts, and BNG needs of the site prior to further commentary?

### Suggested conditions

BNG conditions to be determined following clarifications from the applicant.

#### 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 priority habitats.
- 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.

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#### 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.

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### **Informatives**

#### Birds

All works should be timed to occur outside nesting bird season (typically March to August, inclusive). If this is not possible all potential bird nesting opportunities must be checked by a suitably experienced ecologist within 24 hours prior to works. If any active nests are found, the ecologist should advise on suitable species-specific works exclusion zones. The exclusion zones should be regularly monitored by the ecologist and remain in place until the young have fledged the nest, or the nests are otherwise deserted.

**Reason: In order that the proposals are implemented in accordance with the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended).**

#### Bats

Bats and the places they use for shelter or protection (i.e. roosts) are protected under the Habitats Regulations 2017 (as amended). They receive further legal protection under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended). Section 43 of the Habitats Regulations makes it an offence to: deliberately capture, injure, or kill a bat; deliberately disturb bats; or damage or destroy a bat roost. Where a licence is required to derogate from the Habitats Regulations, a grant of planning permission does not constitute consent to proceed with the works insofar as they affect the species in question. The licence must be applied for separately from Natural England, be granted and all licence conditions be complied with for the works to proceed lawfully.

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Many thanks,  
Katie

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