

Sent: 09 December 2025 10:04

Subject: 2025/93201 at location Land off, Wood Bottom Road, Netherton, Huddersfield, HD4 7DJ

Please see ecological commentary below:

Designations

No issue

Onsite habitats and species

The site is directly adjacent to a river (to the north) and priority habitats (to the south) (deciduous and ancient woodland).

The site itself appears to consist of grassland, trees, and hedgerow – which would be suitable for a number of protected species that may be impacted by works and the final development.

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

The report indicates an onsite net gain of 0.26 (10.45%) habitat units. This will be through the creation habitats and hedgerow with low to medium 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

Tbc once PEA has been provided and reviewed.

Many thanks,

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