

DC Admin

From: ENVU Biodiversity and Land Use
Sent: 13 January 2026 09:43
To: Planning ContactCentre
Subject: 2025/93421 at location land off, Cumberworth Lane, Birds Edge, Huddersfield, HD8 8BB

Please see ecological commentary below:

Designations

No issue

Onsite habitats and species

The site is within 500m of priority habitats (woodland and grassland). There are also a number of watercourse and waterbodies within 500m of the site.

The site is also adjacent to a quarry (to the west), which may have its own ecological complications. Further information should be provided for this.

The site consists of grassland, and hedgerows with lines of trees. There are two large agricultural buildings next to the site with potential for bats and birds.

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 metric in excel format does not appear to be available.

The baseline calculations cannot be validated as a result.

Further commentary cannot be provided until the metric is provided by the applicant.

Suggested conditions

Tbc once PEA and BNG metric are provided.

Many thanks,
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