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**From:** ENVU Biodiversity and Land Use  
**Sent:** 15 January 2026 10:10  
**To:** Planning ContactCentre  
**Subject:** 2025/93480 at location Land off Parkwood Road/Weavers Lane, Longwood, Huddersfield, HD3 4TT

Hi There,

Please see ecological commentary below:

### Designations

No issue

### Onsite habitats and species

The Ecological Impact Assessment provided is reasonable and acceptable.

- There is a watercourse just outside the southern boundary of the survey area. The site contains trees, grassland, scrub, and hedgerow habitats.
- The site has suitability for foraging badgers, however there is no evidence of setts. There is also suitability for nesting birds and reptiles. Badger pre-commencement surveys and a CEMP for bats, birds, and reptiles will be conditioned, along with pollution prevention measures for waterbodies watercourses.
- Bat activity surveys were completed; bat activity is mainly concentrated along the eastern side. No buildings nor mature trees were recorded onsite. Tree protection measures for the eastern boundary and lighting strategy will be conditioned.
- Enhancements for bats and birds will also be conditioned.

### BNG

The baseline calcs are validated.

The metric and report conclude that there is a net loss of 7.59 habitat units and 0.14 hedgerow units onsite. It is noted that 1.52 habitat units and 0.12 hedgerow units are to be created with v low – medium distinctiveness. It is noted that habitat units will be created and enhanced onsite worth 5.86 habitat units, which would be a v low and medium distinctiveness habitat. This is a significant creation of habitats onsite, and so an onsite HMMP for 30 years will be conditioned.

8.50 habitat units and 0.16 hedgerow units are required in order to meet the statutory 10% BNG requirements. If offsite gain is required, it will need to be secured with a section 106 agreement. If a section 106 agreement is needed, we recommend the applicant provides sufficient information for the heads of terms of an agreement prior to determination of the application

In addition to the information already provided, this information would comprise:

- A plan that follows the UK Habitat Classification showing the spatial locations of the habitats represented in the enhancement and/or creation tabs of the biodiversity metric (i.e. the target habitats).
- The georeferenced spatial data used to create both above plans (in either .shp or .gpkg format) and written permission to share this data with West Yorkshire Records Centre.
- A 30-year Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan (HMMP)

### 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:

- 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**

#### Badgers

##### Draft Conditions

As close as practicable and no earlier than three months prior to commencement of development, an additional badger survey report shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Should the position, in so far as it relates to badgers, have changed from that originally reported when the application was submitted, the new survey report should incorporate a revised badger mitigation plan.

Prior to first occupation/use of the site, a report prepared by an appropriately qualified and experienced ecologist demonstrating the implementation of the badger mitigation/ enhancement

measures, as set out in the badger survey report, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

**Reason: To ensure the protection of badgers in compliance with the Protection of Badgers Act 1992 and Schedule 6 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended).**

#### Draft Caveat

In granting planning permission, the Local Planning Authority is not confirming that development operations will not breach the Protection of Badgers Act 1992. Likewise, obtaining planning permission does not guarantee that a badger licence will be granted by the issuing authority. Licences cannot be issued retrospectively, and licensing authorities require time to process applications. Licences will normally only be granted for works to be undertaken between 1st July and 30th November.

#### Further information

If badger setts are found to be within 30m of the proposed works. Badgers and their setts are protected from harm (including disturbance) under the Protection of Badgers Act 1992. As such, the following are required prior to decision:

- A badger survey for badger setts within 50m of the proposals
- Monitoring of setts within 30m of the proposed works to establish if the setts are active (if required)
- If harmful impacts to badgers or their setts cannot be avoided, recommendations for licencing.
- Should avoidance of harm (including disturbance) to badgers and their setts be possible via a precautionary working method statement, a PWMS detailing all precautionary working methods in respect of badger

#### Onsite BNG – 30 year HMMP - DRAFT

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.

**Reason: To ensure the development delivers a biodiversity net gain on site in accordance with Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990**

#### Ecological Design Strategy – for bats, birds

No development shall take place until an ecological design strategy (EDS) addressing mitigation and enhancement has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority.

The EDS shall include the following.

- a. Purpose and nature conservation objectives for the proposed works.
- b. Review of site potential and constraints.
- c. Detailed design(s) and/or working method(s) to achieve stated objectives.
- d. Extent and location/area of proposed works on appropriate scale maps and plans.

- e. Type and source of materials to be used where appropriate, e.g. native species of local provenance.
- f. Timetable for implementation demonstrating that works are aligned with the proposed phasing of development.
- g. Persons responsible for implementing the works.
- h. Details of initial aftercare and long-term maintenance.
- i. Details for monitoring and remedial measures.
- j. Details for disposal of any wastes arising from works.

The EDS shall be implemented in accordance with the approved details, and all features shall be retained in that manner thereafter.

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

- **BNG condition** for 10% net gain to be achieved, with confirmation via an updated statutory metric to be provided on completion.

Many thanks, Katie

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