

**Consultation Response from KC,
Ecology Unit**
2026/91027 Huddersfield Royal Infirmary, Acre Street, Lindley, Huddersfield, HD3 3EA
Improvements to the HRI service yard, including adding a linen waste compound, skips and security fence
Date Responded: 07/07/2026
Responding Officer: Z. Hanshaw
Responding Ref: 2607/09

Good afternoon,

I have reviewed the revised plans submitted, and I'm satisfied with the information provided. The revised details show that the existing building onsite will no longer be demolished and instead will be retained as part of the proposals. Therefore, further bat assessment of this building is not required. Additionally, the existing trees and grassland onsite appear to be retained. The development will be contained within areas of hard standing. Therefore, there is a low likelihood of other ecological impacts.

The following conditions should be included in any decision notice:

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 Tree Protection Plan detailing measures for the protection of trees 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.

Tree protection measures will include temporary fencing for the protection of trees 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 trees. Activities liable to be harmful to trees are prohibited within this exclusion zone, unless agreed in writing with the LPA. The approved 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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