

**Consultation Response from KC,
Ecology Unit**

2026/91240 Temple Quarry, Liley Lane, Grange Moor, Huddersfield, WF4 4EN

Erection of electricity substation and switchgear room

Date Responded: 01/06/2026

Responding Officer: Z. Hanshaw

Responding Ref: 2606/02

Good afternoon,

I have reviewed the documents submitted with this application. I note that no ecological information has been submitted. However, based on the nature of the proposals, and the existing habitats onsite, I am satisfied that there is sufficient information for determination.

The submitted documents show that the substation and switchgear room will be <25m² and there will be no habitat loss as a result of the proposals. I am therefore satisfied that the development meets one of the exemptions for Biodiversity Net Gain, and the need to demonstrate 10% net gain does not apply.

The development is 150m from an area of Priority Habitat- Deciduous Woodland, but it is unlikely that species from this woodland will be present within the developmental footprint. However, it is possible that they will be present in the woodland adjacent to the development. I would therefore recommend that a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) is secured as a condition of any consent.

Suggested conditions:

Construction Environmental Management Plan

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