Consultation Response from KC, Ecology Unit
2026/91450 Land north of, 344, Leymoor Road, Golcar, Huddersfield, HD7 4QL
Discharge of details reserved by conditions 6 (Construciton Environmental Management Plan - CEMP) and 7 (Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan - HMMP) on previous permission 2026/90406 for erection of agricultural building
Date Responded: 05/06/2026 Responding Officer: Z. Hanshaw Responding Ref: 2606/18

Good afternoon,

I have reviewed the information submitted with this application for the discharge of conditions 6 and 7. These are as follows:

Condition 6:
"*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

Condition 7:
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:

i. *HMMP has been implemented; and*
ii. *habitat creation and enhancement work 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.

I have reviewed the Construction Environmental Management Plan: Biodiversity (Habitat Works, May 2026) and the Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan (Habitat Works, May 2026).

Firstly, I would flag that the deemed Biodiversity Net Gain Plan condition, applied to all development, requires the submission of a Biodiversity Net Gain Plan, which is a government template. Although we are unable to include this condition in the decision notice for legal reasons, this condition is still applied, and a Biodiversity Net Gain Plan should be submitted. As this application is seeking to discharge other ecological conditions, it is important to highlight this requirement as well.

The Construction Environmental Management Plan: Biodiversity include appropriate mitigation measures for the development, and I'm satisfied that this condition can be discharged.

I would recommend that a copy of the Biodiversity Net Gain metric and the Biodiversity Net Gain Plan is submitted as part of this application, to enable accurate review of the Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan.

Kirklees COUNCIL