

**Consultation Response from KC,
Ecology Unit**

2026/91793 Heckmondwike Bowling Club, Green Avenue, Heckmondwike, WF16 9LD

Conversion of one existing bowling green to all-weather artificial sports surface for football training and wider community recreational use

Date Responded: 05/10/2026

Responding Officer: Z. Hanshaw

Responding Ref: 2610/06

I have reviewed the information submitted with this application; no ecological information is provided but a Biodiversity Net Gain Metric has been submitted.

The submitted Biodiversity Net Gain Metric identifies that there are 2.2644 Habitat Units (HUs) for area habitats at baseline, and 0.1125 hedgerow HUs at baseline. Post development there is proposed to be 1.4576 area HUs and 0.1125 hedgerow HUs. This no change for hedgerows, but a net loss of 35.63% for area habitats. No information on how the development will achieve a 10% net gain for hedgerows and habitats. The Site Plan shows that there is green space round the outside of the site, and as such there may be opportunities to provide enhancements such as grassland enhancements or tree planting onsite. I would recommend that further information on the opportunities to deliver Biodiversity Net Gain onsite or on the purchase of offsite units is provided. Information on how many units will be required to purchase, as well the availability, cost and provider should be provided if offsite purchase is proposed. The submitted metric should be updated to reflect this information.