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For the attention of Rosie Dinnen

Your Ref: HPK/2024/0284

Our ref: DWTHPK739

9th August 2024

Dear Rosie,

Proposal: Creation of 10 small class E units to existing commercial use land

Location: Land adjacent Unit 26 Harpur Hill Business Park Harpur Hill Buxton

Application Ref No: HPK/2024/0284

With reference to the above application, I am responding as the Biodiversity Planning Officer responsible for work relating to the Service Level Agreement, which the High Peak Borough Council and the Trust have signed. The following comments are aimed at providing accurate and up to date information on the nature conservation issues associated with the proposed development.

Response overleaf



We have checked our Biological Records Database and can confirm the following:

- No records of protected species are present on or adjacent to site
- No notable habitats have been recorded to date on site
- The site is not covered by a statutory or non-statutory nature conservation designation

Furthermore, the site is exempt from mandatory biodiversity net gain.

Based on the proposals and the information submitted, we advise that the application is considered low impact and unlikely to have a substantive adverse effect on biodiversity. However, it is noted that parcels of lowland dry acid grassland and lowland meadow (UK BAP Habitats) lie immediately adjacent to the northern boundary. We therefore advise that a CEMP: Biodiversity is produced to secure pollution control measures pertaining to dust, run-off, lightspill etc.

Conditions

We consider the following condition appropriate to secure biodiversity enhancements at this site:

Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP: Biodiversity)

No development shall take place (including demolition, ground works, vegetation clearance and movement of plant, machinery and materials) 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) Risk assessment of potentially damaging construction activities.
- b) Identification of “biodiversity protection zones”.
- c) Practical measures (both physical measures and sensitive working practices) to avoid or reduce impacts during construction.
- 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 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.

Biodiversity Enhancement Plan

Prior to building works commencing, a Biodiversity Enhancement Plan shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The Plan shall indicate the locations and specifications of two or more of the following measures, which shall be implemented in full and maintained thereafter:

- 1x external woodcrete / woodstone bat box
- 1x integral bat brick
- 1x external woodcrete / woodstone bird box
- 1x integral universal nest brick
- 1x insect brick / house / tower
- Hedgehog gaps in fencing (130 mm x 130 mm)
- Native and wildlife-attracting planting i.e., trees, hedgerow, shrubs and / or herbaceous perennials to provides resources for pollinators, birds and other wildlife.

A statement of good practice including photographs should be submitted to the local planning authority prior to the discharge of this condition, demonstrating that the enhancements have been selected and installed in accordance with the above.

It is hoped that the information provided is helpful to the Council. If you require any further information or wish to discuss any of the comments made, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Holly Fowler BSc (Hons)
Biodiversity Planning Officer

Endnote:

Please see our planning pages <https://www.derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/planning> for ecological advice on submitting a planning application, finding an ecological consultant and information on mitigation and enhancement.