

**Consultation Response from KC,
 Ecology Unit**
2020/93308 Former Spotted Cow Pub, New Hey Road, Huddersfield, HD3 4BU
Erection of an A1 foodstore with associated parking, servicing areas and landscaping
**Date Responded:
 05/11/2020**
**Responding Officer: Amy
 Reddick**
Responding Ref:

Assessment

The application is supported by an Ecological Assessment Report which determines that with the inclusion of mitigative impacts, the development is unlikely to result in significant ecological harm. Conditions will need to be applied to secure these measures.

The scope of habitat creation and landscaping are considered appropriate however, these should be quantified to demonstrate that the development is providing a measurable net gain for biodiversity. In accordance with section 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework to encourage Biodiversity Net Gain and in line with Policy LP30 and the proposed new Environment Bill 2019/2021, a measurable increase in biodiversity should be demonstrated by development proposals. The biodiversity baseline on the site pre-development and the expected value post-development should be quantified, therefore a completed Biodiversity Metric should be submitted. The recommended metric is the Biodiversity Metric 2.0 produced by Natural England and DEFRA. Justification for habitat classification, condition assessment and strategic significance for habitats on site should be provided alongside the completed metric.

In addition to the above, information on the details of maintenance of the created habitats should be provided, this may be via condition or prior to determination. This should be included in the form of a Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP) to ensure habitats remain in a favourable condition to benefit biodiversity in perpetuity.

Advice to Planning Officer

The applicant should submit the ecological value of the site pre and post-development prior to determination. This should be calculated utilising the Biodiversity Metric 2.0 in order to establish the ecological value of the site pre-development and should have regard to the draft Biodiversity Net Gain Technical Note recently released by Kirklees Council as part of the [public consultation on quality places](#).