

Comments for Planning Application 17/04673/OUT

Application Summary

Application Number: 17/04673/OUT

Address: Land At Junction With Carr Road Hollin Busk Lane Sheffield S36 1GH

Proposal: Outline application for up to 93 residential dwellings including open space

Case Officer: Bob Turner

Customer Details

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Comment Details

Commenter Type: Other Interested Party

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Object

Comment: Now we have obtained the ecological reports, I have the following comments to make in addition to my comments of 21/1/2018 .

Now having obtained and read the ecological reports I would like to add the following comments. Ecological Appraisal and Protected Species Report - section 5.15 and 5.16 - I cannot agree with these paragraphs which say that the proposed development will not have a no direct impacts on Fox Glen LWS and that there would be no significant impact from increased numbers of people using the woodland for recreational purposes. I think there has been insufficient assessment of the impact on the species using the woodland, no assessment of the impact of recreational use and no assessment of edge effects e.g. from lighting, dumping etc. CIEEM have published an article on this recently. (reference: Bulletin of the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management - in practice issue 97: Sep 2017).

The main issue that has not been considered is the reduction of connectivity of green spaces, especially the 'cutting off' of Fox Glen LWS - as can be seen in Figure 1 of the Ecological Appraisal.

Although hedgehogs are briefly mentioned - we would expect that if this development was to be granted, then a condition should be that the development should allow the passage of hedgehogs through the site - due to the reduction of the ecological corridor. This can be achieved through conditioning suitable holes in any fences (as per a recently granted housing development in the Manor, Sheffield 17/01443/FUL)

Birds - paragraph 5.42 (and associated figures, plus table 3 of the Passage Bird Surveys) - the authors say that the loss of lapwing habitat has been acknowledged and cannot be mitigated for in the current plan but then there is not discussion about this any further - e.g. looking for compensation if mitigation cannot be provided. We think this needs to be addressed further with

the ecology unit if the development is to progress. And what about curlew? Although the consultant ecologists did not record many in their visits (Passage Bird Surveys 4.17), local people have reported that they use the site. I also think more detail is needed on how the loss of habitat for the other red and amber listed bird species would be mitigated - it is vague sentence at the moment with a little more detail in the Passage Bird Surveys - but it would be helpful to have more detail on how the plans would provide all the different habitats that the different bird species listed require. There is a little of this in 'enhancements' in the Breeding Bird Report report but this needs to be more prominent e.g. as a condition should the application be conditionally granted.