

App 73256 Construction of car park, erection of electric vehicle charging points and associated infrastructure, including CCTV and lighting. Land adjacent to Lidl, off Victoria Street, Bury, BL8 1LE

Thank you for consulting the Ecology Unit on the above planning application.

I would raise no overall objections to the proposals on Ecology grounds; the application site has low ecological value.

Biodiversity Net Gain

The proposals will result in a small loss in biodiversity, contrary to statute which requires a net gain in biodiversity of at least 10%. Off-site biodiversity units will need to be obtained from a suitably registered habitat bank in order to meet the BNG requirement. I would advise that a Biodiversity Gain Plan will be required to be provided pre-commencement by the statutory biodiversity gain condition which will apply to any permission which may be granted to the application. The Biodiversity Gain Plan will need to give details of how and where the necessary biodiversity gains will be obtained.