



PLANNING CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Application No	2026/0088
Proposal	Retrospective application for the construction of a new vehicular access track and associated security fencing to support the operation and maintenance of a new Sewage Pumping Station (SPS)
Address	Land to the North of Balk Farm Court, Birdwell, Barnsley
Date of Consultation Reply	30/07/2026
Consultee	Katie Lawrence, Planning Ecologist

Consultation Assessment and Justification

Thank you for providing a copy of the initial Preliminary Ecological Appraisal which includes detail on the application site and land beyond the site boundary. The submission of this report addresses one of the comments from my previous response, with those below still to be addressed:

- The PEA recommends that a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) is produced which would set out precautionary working methods in relation to protected nature conservation sites, protection of retained habitats and precautionary working methods in the interest of amphibians and reptiles, mammal species such as badgers, hares, hedgehog, bats, nesting birds and invasive species. Has a CEMP been produced and can the applicant confirm whether works adhered to this?
- The PEA sets out that the development adheres to Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) requirements. As this is a retrospective application BNG is not applicable; however, biodiversity enhancements should be incorporated on site in line with the NPPF, Planning Policy BIO1 and the Biodiversity and Geodiversity SPD. Such enhancement measures should include appropriate native landscaping, the provision of bat and bird boxes mounted on poles, amphibian and reptile hibernacula, etc. The application should be supported by a plan indicating biodiversity enhancement which will be adopted.

NO OBJECTION*

**Defer for amends/further
information***

OBJECT*