BARNSLEY
Metropolitan Borough Council

Place Directorate
Regeneration and Assets
Planning, Policy and Building Control

GRANT OF PLANNING PERMISSION

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

APPLICATION NO. 2026/0648

To BMBC
Westgate Plaza One
Westgate
Barnsley
S70 2DR

DESCRIPTION Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of application 2025/0942: Change of use of land to commercial car sales including the relocation of existing security fencing to new site boundary.

LOCATION M D Car Sales, Wombwell Lane, Stairfoot, Barnsley, S70 3NT

Permission is **granted** for the proposals which were the subject of the Application and Plans registered by the Council on 03/09/2026 and described above.

The approval is subject on compliance with the following conditions:

1 The development hereby approved shall be carried out strictly in accordance with the approved plans:

2026/0648:

PP-14428294-GC-01C

2025/0942:

GA-LA-19 A received 25th November 2025.
Arboricultural Report and Impact Assessment prepared by AWA Tree Consultants ref. AWA7181 dated January 2026 and received 5th January 2026.
BM-8856-01 Statutory Biodiversity Metric completed by Brooks Ecological Ltd and dated 16th October 2025.
CA-8856-01 Condition Assessments completed by Alice Miller and dated 13th October 2025.
Preliminary Ecological Appraisal Report prepared by Brooks Ecological Ltd ref. ER-8856-01 and dated 21st October 2025.
Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment prepared by Brooks Ecological Ltd ref. ER-8856-02 and dated 21st October 2025.

and specifications as approved unless required by any other conditions in this permission.
Reason: In the interests of the visual amenities of the locality and in accordance with Local Plan Policy D1: High Quality Design and Place Making.

2 The Biodiversity Gain Plan shall be prepared in accordance with the Ecological documents submitted with the application [The Statutory Biodiversity Metric] by [Brooks Ecological Ltd] reference [BRT Stairfoot] and dated [16th October 2025].
Reason: In the interests of clarification and to help deliver a biodiversity net gain on site in accordance with Schedule 7a of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

3 Within 3 months of the date of this permission, full details of both hard and soft landscaping works, including details of the species, positions and planted heights of proposed trees and shrubs; together with details of the position and condition of any existing trees and hedgerows to be retained, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved landscaping details shall be implemented in the first planting season following the installation of the new boundary fence; and any trees or plants which die within a period of 5 years from first being planted, are removed, or become seriously damaged or diseased shall be replaced in the next planting season with others of similar size and species.
Reason: In the interests of the visual amenities of the locality and in accordance with Local Plan Policy D1: High Quality Design and Place Making and Local Plan Policy BIO1: Biodiversity and Geodiversity.

4 The development hereby approved shall be carried out in accordance with the following additional biodiversity mitigation and enhancement measures.

- At least two bat and bird boxes to be installed in suitable locations within the new building, or at a suitable location on-site;
- A sensitive lighting scheme; and
- A Precautionary Working Method Statement (PWMS) to ensure habitats on-site are cleared sensitively to avoid impacts to small mammals, birds and bats.

A scheme comprising the above-mentioned measures shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to completion of the development. The approved details shall be implemented prior to completion and retained thereafter.
Reason: In the interests of biodiversity and in accordance with Local Plan Policy BIO1: Biodiversity and Geodiversity.

5 No part of the development hereby permitted shall cause surface water runoff from the site to discharge or flow onto the adjacent public right of way.
Reason: To protect and ensure the continued safe use of the existing public right of way in accordance with Local Plan Policy GS2: Green Ways and Public Rights of Way.

Informative(s)

Pursuant to article 35 (2) of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) Order 2015 (as amended), the Local Planning Authority have, where possible, made a pre-application advice service available, and otherwise actively engaged with the applicant in dealing with the application in a positive and proactive manner.

1 The granting of planning permission does not in any way infer that consent of the landowner is given. Therefore, the consent of all relevant landowners is required before proceeding with any development, including that of the Council as landowner.

If it should transpire that the applicant does not own any of the land included in this consent, then it is the responsibility of the applicant to seek all necessary consents and approvals of the landowner.

2 The Town and Country Planning Act has been amended to make every grant of planning permission deemed to have been granted subject to the following General Biodiversity Gain Condition:

The development may not be begun unless:

a. a Biodiversity Gain Plan has been submitted to the planning authority; and
b. the planning authority has approved the plan.

The purpose of the General Biodiversity Gain Condition is to secure the 'Biodiversity Objective', which requires the post-development biodiversity value to exceed the pre-development biodiversity value of the on-site habitat by at least 10%.

Biodiversity net gain can be achieved through habitat creation or enhancement on-site or off-site; the purchase of biodiversity units from a habitat bank; or as a last resort through the purchase of statutory credits; or a mixture of these.

3 The General Biodiversity Gain Condition has a separate legal basis in contrast to other planning conditions and will apply to all planning permissions, unless exempt. The General Biodiversity Gain Condition will therefore not appear on the decision notice along with the list of planning conditions imposed on the application, rather it will be referenced separately.

The General Biodiversity Gain Condition cannot be varied or removed by an application under section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act. It also cannot be discharged as part of the grant of planning permission.

4 A public right of way (TPT) runs adjacent to the northeast of the proposed development site. Safe public access on the right of way should remain open and available at all times, with no obstruction of or encroachment onto the width of the path and no building debris, storage of materials or parked vehicles limiting access at any time. Appropriate measures should be taken to protect the public, including fencing if necessary. If safe public access is not possible at any time, then a temporary closure should be arranged, providing at least 4 weeks' notice and details of how public access will be managed. For further information contact publicrightsofway@barnsley.gov.uk.

5 No vehicles shall be parked on the adjacent public right of way (TPT) at any time during works. The access from Wombwell Lane onto the TPT/NCN should also not be closed or blocked at any time during works.

6 Where possible works shall be undertaken from within the existing car sales forecourt and not from the adjacent public right of way (TPT).

7 The works should be undertaken outside of the bird nesting season (March-August inclusive). Should this not be possible then a suitably qualified ecologist should undertake a nesting bird check no more than 48 hours prior to the start of works. Should active nests be found, works should cease until the nests are no longer active and the chicks have fledged and the ecologist has deemed the area to be free of nesting birds.

8 If a protected species (such as any bat, great crested newt, badger, barn owl or any nesting bird) is discovered using a feature on site that would be affected by the development or related works all activity which might affect the species at the locality should cease. You should then seek the advice of a suitably qualified and experienced ecologist and consider the need for a licence from Natural England prior to commencing works. This action is necessary to avoid possible prosecution and ensure compliance with the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), the Protection of Badgers Act 1992 and the Wild Mammals Act 1996. This advice note should be passed on to any persons or contractors carrying out the development/works.

9 If a bat or evidence of the presence of bats is discovered on site prior to or during development all work should stop immediately. A licensed bat consultant or Natural England must be contacted and works implemented only in accordance with methods advised by them. This advice note should be provided to any persons/contractors carrying out the development along with the contact details of a relevant ecological consultant. This action is necessary to avoid possible prosecution and ensure compliance with the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.

10 It is recommended that measures are taken to prevent a nuisance/ or effect the quality of life of local residents. Please note that the Council's Pollution Control Team have a legal duty to investigate any complaints about noise, smoke or dust. No waste should be burnt. If a statutory nuisance is found to exist, they must serve an Abatement Notice under the Environmental Protection Act 1990. Failure to comply with the requirements of an Abatement Notice may result in a fine of up to £20,000 upon conviction in Magistrates' Court. ¿It is therefore recommended that you give serious consideration to the steps that may be required to prevent a noise, dust or smoke nuisance from being created.

11 The applicant/contractor should note that to deposit mud/debris on the public highway, or anything which may cause a nuisance or possible danger to road users, is an offence under provisions of the Highways Act 1980.

Please be aware that the Council monitors construction sites and open land within the vicinity of such sites in an attempt to prevent fly tipping (i.e. unauthorised deposit of waste on land), which is illegal under the Environmental Protection Act 1990. The penalties for fly-tipping can include:

- a fine of up to £50,000 and
- up to six months imprisonment on conviction.

Therefore, if necessary, please ensure that all demolition waste and waste associated with the construction of any development is disposed of via approved methods and that documents are retained to prove this.

Signed: Dated: 30 October 2026



Garry Hildersley
Head of Planning, Policy & Building Control
Growth & Sustainability Directorate

The grant of this consent does not constitute or imply permission, approval or consent by the Local Authority for any other purpose.

NOTES:-

Appeals to the Secretary of State

If you are aggrieved by the decision of the Council to grant permission for the proposed development subject to conditions then you can appeal to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and Regions under Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act. If you want to appeal, then you must do so within six months of the date of this notice, using a form which you can get from The Planning Inspectorate, Room 3/24 Hawk Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN.

The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal, but he will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal. The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to him that the Local Planning Authority could not have granted planning permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions it imposed, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of the development order and to any directions giving under the order. In practice, the Secretary of State does not refuse to consider appeals solely because the Local Planning Authority based its decision on a direction given by him.

Purchase Notices

If either the Local Planning Authority or the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and Regions refuses permission to develop land or grants it subject to conditions, the owner may claim that he can neither put the land to a reasonably beneficial use in its existing state nor can he render the land capable of a reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted. In these circumstances, the owner may serve a purchase notice on the Council in whose area the land is situated. This notice will require the Council to purchase his interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Compensation

In certain circumstances compensation may be claimed from the Local Planning Authority if permission is refused or granted subject to conditions by the Secretary of State on appeal or on reference to the application to him. These circumstances are set out in Sections 114 and related provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

STATUTORY BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN CONDITION

DEEMED CONDITION

(As required Schedule 7a of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) and inserted by the Environment Act 2021

Development may not be begun unless:

1. A Biodiversity Gain Plan has been submitted to the planning authority; and
2. The Local Planning Authority has approved the plan.

The Biodiversity Gain Plan must include:

a) information about the steps taken or to be taken to minimise the adverse effect of the development on the biodiversity of the onsite habitat and any other habitat;
b) the pre-development biodiversity value of the onsite habitat;
c) the post-development biodiversity value of the onsite habitat;
d) any registered offsite biodiversity gain allocated to the development and the biodiversity and the biodiversity value of that gain in relation to the development;
e) any biodiversity credits purchased for the development; and
f) any such other matters as the Secretary of State may by regulations specify.

In addition, under Articles 37C(2) and 37C(4) of The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015, the following specified matters are required, where development is not to proceed in phases:

g) name and address of the person completing the Plan, and (if different) the person submitting the Plan;
h) a description of the development and planning permission reference number (to which the plan relates);
i) the relevant date, for the purposes of calculating the pre-development biodiversity value of onsite habitats and if proposing an earlier date, the reasons for using this earlier date;
j) the completed biodiversity metric calculation tool(s), stating the publication date of the tool(s), and showing the calculation of the pre-development onsite value on the relevant date, and post-development biodiversity value;
k) a description of arrangements for maintenance and monitoring of habitat enhancement to which paragraph 9(3) of Schedule 7A to the 1990 Act applies (habitat enhancement which must be maintained for at least 30 years after the development is completed);
l) (except for onsite irreplaceable habitats) a description of how the biodiversity gain hierarchy will be followed and where to the extent any actions (in order of priority) in that hierarchy are not followed and the reason for that;
m) pre-development and post-development plans showing the location of onsite habitat (including any irreplaceable habitat) on the relevant date, and drawn to an identified scale and showing the direction of North;
n) a description of any irreplaceable habitat on the land to which the plan relates which exist on the relevant date, and any part of the development for which planning permission is granted where the onsite habitat of that part is irreplaceable habitat arrangements for compensation for any impact the development has on the biodiversity of the irreplaceable habitat; and
o) if habitat degradation has taken place:
    i. a statement to this effect,
    ii. the date immediately before the degradation activity,
    iii. the completed biodiversity tool showing the calculation of the biodiversity value of the onsite habitat on that date, and
    iv. any available supporting evidence for the value.

INFORMATIVE 1
When calculating the post-development biodiversity value of a habitat, the Local Planning Authority can only take into account an increase in biodiversity value post-development where it is satisfied that the habitat creation or enhancements delivering the increase will be maintained for at least 30 years after the development is completed. This must be secured either by a planning condition, planning obligation, or conservation covenant

INFORMATIVE 2
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INFORMATIVE 3
A Biodiversity Net Gain Template can be found here:
https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/biodiversity-gain-plan

INFORMATIVE 4
The statutory deemed condition above is relevant to all major applications submitted since 12th February 2024 and to all non-major applications submitted after 2nd April 2024, unless exempt.
The onus is on the applicant/agent to notify the Local Planning Authority at developmentmanagement@barnsley.gov.uk if the application was exempt and provide the reasons for the exemption. Exemptions can be found at this link https://www.gov.uk/guidance/biodiversity-net-gain-exempt-developments