



PLANNING CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Application No	2026/0548
Proposal	Renovation of existing sports pavilion, including the demolition of existing sports hall and erection of new single storey activity hall, new external terrace and steps.
Address	Carlton Park, Church Street, Carlton, Barnsley, S71 3HG
Date of Consultation Reply	05/08/2026
Consultee	Katie Lawrence, Planning Ecologist

Consultation Assessment and Justification

Thank you for consulting me regarding the above application. A Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA), Ecological Impact Assessment (EclA), Statutory Biodiversity Metric and associated condition assessment sheets have been submitted in support of the application. My comments in relation to biodiversity are as follows:

PEA

- The PEA sets out the habitats present on site and the potential for the site to support protected and priority species. An assessment of the potential impact upon designated conservation sites within the surrounding area is also considered.
- Habitats on site are largely of limited value, consisting of built development, amenity grassland and areas of garden within the immediate vicinity of the building.
- No adverse impacts upon statutorily and non-statutorily designated nature conservation sites are anticipated as a result of the proposals.
- The buildings are assessed as having negligible potential for roosting bats, although it was noted that there may be opportunities for nesting birds, though no active nests were identified. Potential for nesting birds was also noted within surrounding shrubs and trees.
- Recommendations have been made for precautionary works in relation to nesting birds and the provision of bird and bat boxes as part of the proposed building works or on retained trees, which is welcomed. The proposed landscaping layout plan (drawing no. 250704-025.02) shows a bat and bird box installed on trees within the site. These measures can be secured by a planning condition.

EclA and Biodiversity Metric

- The EclA includes information on proposed post-development habitats which are accounted for within the metric submitted. The post-development table sets out that there will be 4 new trees proposed as part of the proposed landscaping; however, when referring to the proposed landscaping layout plan (drawing no. 250704-025.02) it appears that only 3 new trees are being proposed. This should be checked and amendments made where necessary. Currently the metric indicates a gain of 0.036 habitat units (14.78%); however, this is based on the planting of four trees rather than three, which may affect the results of the BNG calculation.

NO OBJECTION*

**Defer for amends/further
information***

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