



PLANNING CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Application No	2026/2044
Proposal	Demolition of existing building and septic tank and erection of new single storey community and sports pavilion, reconfiguration of parking, new landscaping and other associated works.
Address	Rabbit Ings Country Park, Lund Hill Lane, Royston, Barnsley, S71 4BB
Date of Consultation Reply	08/07/2026
Consultee	Claire Wilson, Planning Ecologist

Consultation Assessment and Justification

An updated metric has been provided due to the submission of amended plans to allow vehicle movements on site. The metric indicates that a minimum 10% gain in habitat and watercourse units cannot be achieved on site. However, the majority of post development habitats previously proposed remains unaltered.

I note within the landscaping plans that cycle shelters and bin stores are proposed. There is potential to incorporate green roofs onto these features to help achieve a minimum 10% gain. This could also be considered within the new building on site. However, if it is intended to purchase off-site biodiversity units to meet the developments BNG requirements, these would ideally be purchased within the Barnsley LPA boundary, where possible.

Reference can be made to the Wildlife Trusts Biodiversity Net Gain Map (<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/1cc6dce889244e57bd66443af22e4b49>) which maps all habitat bank sites which are included on Natural England's Biodiversity Gain Sites Register.

If it is intended to purchase statutory biodiversity credits to meet the developments BNG requirements, the applicant should refer to government advice (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/statutory-biodiversity-credits>). As the advice states the developer should discuss use of credits with the LPA prior to purchasing them.

If a development needs less than 0.25 biodiversity units (area or linear) to achieve 10% net gain, statutory credits can be purchased without having to give evidence that insufficient off-site options (i.e. habitat banks) are available.

No objection

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Consultation Suggested Conditions:

Biodiversity Gain Condition and Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan condition, as per our agreed wording.

Notwithstanding the submitted details, no development shall take place (including demolition, ground works and vegetation clearance) until a Biodiversity Mitigation Scheme (BMS) has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The BMS will set out any precautionary measures to be adopted on site during construction, such as protection of retained features, reasonable avoidance measures for protected and priority species and appropriate removal of non-native invasive species. Incorporation of features such as creation, retention and/or enhancement of habitats, integral bat and bird boxes on proposed buildings and hedgehog access points within proposed fencing, etc. in line with the Biodiversity and Geodiversity Supplementary Planning Document, should also be detailed.