



PLANNING CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Application No	2025/1065
Proposal	Erection of store, erection of enclosure for external pipework, erection of aggregate wash plant and associated infrastructure; laying of concrete slab, installation of vertical tanks (retrospective), proposed construction, relocation and increase in height of boundary treatment, proposed erection of filter presses, for use in association with the existing treatment and management of non-hazardous waste.
Address	West Green Recycling, West Green Way, Monk Bretton, Barnsley
Date of Consultation Reply	02/02/2026
Consultee	Katie Lawrence, Planning Ecologist

Consultation Assessment and Justification

Thank you for consulting me regarding the above application. A Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) has been submitted. This is accompanied by a letter detailing an updated site visit undertaken on the 9th December 2025, with the initial site survey being undertaken over two years ago. My comments in relation to biodiversity are as follows:

- The application meets the de minimis exemption for Biodiversity Net Gain, with the proposals site comprising areas of hardstanding/artificial surfacing, which are subject to regular disturbance from site operations.
- As detailed within the PEA, part of the site is mapped as Open Mosaic Habitat on Previously Developed Land (OMH), a habitat of principle importance listed under Section 41 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006. The PEA sets out how the habitats on site do not meet the criteria which is used to identify this habitat type, with the site subject to ongoing disturbance and no/very limited establishment of vegetation.
- The proposals site is located adjacent to the Dearne Valley Wetlands Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). The PEA details that measures adopted on site will prevent pollution of the watercourse which occurs within the SSSI and adjacent to the eastern boundary of the site. Consultation undertaken with Natural England in relation to application reference 2023/0758 stated that they had no objection with the development but recommended that mitigation measures set out within a Dust Emissions Management Plan be secured by a planning condition. I presume such a plan has been submitted in support of this new application.
- Recommendations within the PEA should be followed in that Japanese Knotweed on site should be removed, being a non-native invasive species listed on Schedule 9 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981), precautions should be adopted in its removal in relation to nesting birds and a sympathetic lighting scheme should be adopted on site to avoid indirect adverse impacts to the semi-natural habitat adjacent to the east. These measures can be secured by planning conditions, with suggested wording below.

NO OBJECTION*

Defer for amends/further information*

OBJECT*

Consultation Suggested Conditions:

The development shall be completed in line with the recommendations in the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal Survey Report (ref: SQ-1358, 26th March 2024) and the conditions of the planning permission. All the recommendations shall be implemented in full.



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Details of external/internal lighting shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The details shall be reviewed and produced by a suitably qualified ecologist and clearly demonstrate that lighting will not adversely impact wildlife using key corridors, foraging and commuting features and roosting sites. The details shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Identification of areas/features on site that are particularly sensitive e.g. breeding, resting, foraging and commuting sites;
- A drawing showing dark corridors and buffer areas;
- A report and drawings showing how and where external lighting will be installed so that it can be clearly demonstrated that areas to be lit will not disturb or prevent species using their territory or having access to breeding sites/resting places, this should include;
 - Technical descriptions, design or specification of external lighting to be installed including shields, cowls or blinds where appropriate;
 - A description of the luminosity of lights and their light colour;
 - A drawing(s) showing the location and where appropriate the elevation and height of the light fixings;
 - Methods to control lighting control (e.g. timer operation, Passive Infrared Sensors (PIR)); and
 - Lighting contour plans, both horizontal and vertical where appropriate, taking into account hard and soft landscaping.

All external/internal lighting shall be installed in accordance with the specifications and locations set out in the approved details. They shall be maintained thereafter in accordance with these details.