



PLANNING CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Application No	2026/0108
Proposal	Erection of 4 padel courts with a covering structure, installation of a football pitch and erection of a new associated building to include changing facilities and cafe/social areas
Address	Burntwood Sports and Leisure Centre, Common Road, Brierley, Barnsley, S72 9ET
Date of Consultation Reply	23/06/2026
Consultee	Claire Wilson, Planning Ecologist

Consultation Assessment and Justification

An EclA, metric and condition assessments have been provided to support the application. The survey confirms the presence of modified grassland, trees, vegetated garden, hedgerows, buildings and hardstanding, comprising an area baseline of 5.24 units and a hedgerow baseline of 0.01. The deciduous trees on site are noted to be in good condition within the EclA report and in the metric they are noted as moderate. When the condition of the trees is updated to good within the metric, the baseline habitat value is 6.73. Therefore, the applicant and ecologist will need to review offsite proposals when discharging the Biodiversity Gain condition to ensure a minimum 10% net gain, as the current proposals indicate a 4.09% net gain. As such, the applicant will have to either increase the offsite area to accommodate additional trees or look to uplift the condition of the grassland to ensure the proposal meets the statutory 10% gain.

The ecology report also notes the addition of two hedgehog refugia along the site's western boundary, this is welcomed.

As the application is looking to secure significant on and off site habitats, the maintenance of such habitats would be set out within a Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan (using the Natural England template), conditioned as part of the planning permission. The LPA will seek a fee for the review of monitoring reports submitted to the council periodically within the 30-year management period. The monitoring fee will be secured by a Section 106 agreement and will vary depending on the extent of habitats proposed. The costs for the application site would be £5,000. A S106 agreement will also be required to secure the offsite BNG site.

- If lighting is required, a sensitive lighting scheme will be necessary to reduce impacts to foraging and commuting bats. However, this can be conditioned.

No objection

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Consultation Suggested Conditions:

The application is subject to the Biodiversity Gain Condition.

The development shall not commence until a Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan (HMMP), prepared in accordance with the approved Biodiversity Gain Plan and including:

- (a) a non-technical summary;
- (b) the roles and responsibilities of the people or organisation(s) delivering the [HMMP];
- (c) the planned habitat creation and enhancement works to create or improve habitat to achieve the biodiversity net gain in accordance with the approved Biodiversity Gain Plan;
- (d) the management measures to maintain habitat in accordance with the approved Biodiversity Gain Plan for a period of 30 years from the completion of development; and
- (e) the monitoring methodology and frequency in respect of the created or enhanced habitat to be submitted to the local planning authority,



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has been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the local planning authority.

Reason: To ensure the development delivers a biodiversity net gain on site in accordance with Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Notwithstanding the submitted details, prior to completion of the development, details of 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 development shall be completed in line with the EcIA and the conditions of the planning permission. All the recommendations shall be implemented in full according to the timescales laid out, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority, and thereafter permanently maintained for the stated purposes of biodiversity conservation.

Consultation Informative(s):

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.

If a protected species (such as any bat, great crested newt, dormouse, badger, water vole, otter, white clawed crayfish, reptile, barn owl or any nesting bird) [W,C(E1.1)] 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.

Planning Obligations required:

S106 to secure offsite BNG.