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52 Rotherham Road, Barnsley – Ecology Report.

1. Planning application 2020/0477 has been submitted for the site at 52 Rotherham Road, Barnsley.

2. It has come to light that a strip across the end of the site encroaches into the green belt and Dearne Valley Park.

3. Barnsley Biodiversity Officer has requested a walk over ecology survey and a one to two page ecology report with respect to that part of the site.

4. Derek Whitcher of Whitcher Wildlife Ltd visited the site on 16th October 2020.

5. The strip of land in question is shown in the two photographs below, one looking east and one looking west.





6. The land in question has been devoid of all vegetation but that is regenerating with sparse grasses and ephemeral perennials starting to grow.

7. The area of land is separated from the adjacent woodland by blockwork walls in each corner, the remains of two buildings the rest of which have been demolished at some point in time with a timber security fence approximately 1.75m high between.

8. There are no potential protected species issues on the site.

9. The land in question has absolutely minimal ecological value and the creation of gardens associated with any development on the site cannot fail to enhance the biodiversity value of the site.

10. Proposed enhancements will include lawned rear gardens to the new dwellings along with planting of honeysuckle, ivy, passion flower clematis and jasmine against the boundary fence to provide screening, food for invertebrates and nesting opportunities for birds.

11. Additional biodiversity enhancements in the form of nest boxes and insect breeding houses will further enhance the ecological value of the site and will provide biodiversity enhancements as required by the NPPF.

12. Such additions will enhance the value of the habitat in the adjacent Dearne Valley Park.

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