



PLANNING CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Application No	2026/0127
Proposal	Re-discharge of conditions 3 (Biodiversity Net Gain), 4 (HMMP), 10 (Drainage Details), 12 (Soft Landscaping Works), 13 (Hard Landscaping Works), 14 (Central Pathway Design), 15 (Street Furniture and Signage), 16 (Lighting Scheme and CCTV), 17 (Ecological Lighting Scheme), 18 (Biodiversity Enhancement Scheme), 21 (Highways Signing and Lining) and 22 (Landscape Management and Maintenance Plan) relating to applications 2024/1060: Alterations to existing car park and provision of new public open space and landscaping with associated works.
Address	Lower Car Park, The Seam, County Way, Barnsley
Date of Consultation Reply	18/05/2026
Consultee	Katie Lawrence, Planning Ecologist

Consultation Assessment and Justification

Thank you for consulting me regarding the above application. My comments in relation to biodiversity are as follows:

Condition 3 – Biodiversity Gain Plan, Statutory Biodiversity Metric & Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment

An updated biodiversity gain plan and metric have been submitted following my previous comments. These indicate the purchase of off-site units from a habitat bank to address the habitat trading rules, which is welcomed. The purchase of grassland units has addressed the trading rules, and the metric indicates a gain of 0.81 habitat units (28.06%), exceeding the 10% net gain required. The previous metric submitted indicated a shortfall in 0.47 medium distinctiveness units and the new metric, with off-site tabs completed indicates 0.47 grassland units have been purchased; however, when referring to the Biodiversity Gain Site Register it seems to show that only 0.19 units have been purchased. Can the applicant please provide clarification on this or address this issue, where necessary?

NO OBJECTION*

Defer for amends/further information*

OBJECT*