



PLANNING CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Application No	2026/0428
Proposal	Erection of a single storey portakabin modular building providing nursery facilities.
Address	Brierley Church Of England Primary School, Beech Close, Brierley, Barnsley, S72 9EJ
Date of Consultation Reply	08/09/2026
Consultee	Katie Lawrence, Planning ecologist

Consultation Assessment and Justification

Thank you for consulting me regarding the above application. An updated Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA), Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) assessment and associated biodiversity metric have been submitted following my previous response.

The updated reports address the comments made in my previous response. The BNG assessment continues to set out that the pond on site will be retained as part of the proposals. On this basis, I would suggest the conditioning of a Biodiversity Enhancement Management Plan (BEMP) which includes the management of the pond to maintain this habitat on site. As suggested in my previous response, the applicant may wish to install fencing around the pond for health and safety purposes. The BNG assessment indicates that through enhancement of the condition of an area of grassland on site and the planting of two trees a gain of 0.036 habitat units (14.9%) can be achieved and the BNG requirement can be met. As it is considered that no significant habitat enhancement is proposed a condition for a BEMP, as set out above is considered appropriate.

As detailed in my previous response precautionary working methods are set out in the PEA in relation to habitats, protected/priority species and the appropriate removal of non-native invasive species. The measures should be secured by a planning condition, as set out below.

NO OBJECTION*

**Defer for amends/further
information***

OBJECT*

Consultation Suggested Conditions:

- Biodiversity Gain Plan, as per our agreed wording.
- A Biodiversity Enhancement Management Plan (BEMP), completed by a suitably qualified ecologist will be submitted to the Local Planning Authority prior to the commencement of works on site. The BEMP shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following:
 - o A recent landscape plan detailing the location of proposed habitat creation, retention and enhancement;
 - o Management aims and prescriptions detailing the methods required to create, retain and/or enhance each habitat at the required quality for a period of five years;
 - o A timetable of delivery for each habitat;
 - o A schedule of actions to be undertaken in case signs of failing are identified. The schedules must include details of technique(s) to be used, equipment to be used, roles and relevant expertise of personnel and organisations involved and timing of actions including submission of monitoring report to the local planning authority.
 - o Incorporation of faunal features for example integral bat and bird boxes on proposed buildings and trees, hedgehog access points within proposed fencing and herptile features etc. should also be detailed.
- The development shall be completed in strict accordance with the recommendations in the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (issue 3, 11th August 2026) (unless varied by a European Protected Species (EPS) licence issued by Natural England). All the recommendations shall be implemented in full and thereafter permanently maintained for the stated purposes of biodiversity conservation.