



## PLANNING CONSULTATION RESPONSE

<b>Application No</b>	2025/0508
<b>Proposal</b>	Erection of stables
<b>Address</b>	Land rear of 8 Cliff Lane, Brierley, Barnsley, S72 9HR
<b>Date of Consultation Reply</b>	16/12/2025
<b>Consultee</b>	Katie Lawrence, Planning Ecologist

### Consultation Assessment and Justification

Thank you for consulting me regarding this application. Following my previous consultation response the site plan has been amended to include the area previously within the blue line boundary. This now means habitat enhancement proposals are located on-site rather than off-site, negating the requirement for this to be secured by a Section 106; however, as the applicant is still proposing other neutral grassland (a significant enhancement) a Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan (HMMP) will be required, and we will seek a monitoring fee for review of monitoring reports over the 30-year management period. Due to the small size of the proposed habitat enhancement areas, the LPA would seek a monitoring fee of £5000. The fee would be secured as part of a Section 106 agreement. The applicant should advise whether they are happy to proceed on this basis as this would need to be arranged prior to planning permission being granted.

In my previous response I did advise that consideration could be given to the planting of a small number of trees on site as an alternative to the creation of grassland habitat to see if this meets the 10% BNG requirement. The LPA would not require a HMMP if tree planting was proposed on the basis that management requirements of trees would be minimal. In this instance a 5-year Biodiversity Enhancement Management Plan (BEMP) would be sufficient and conditioned if planning permission was granted.

An updated metric and BNG report have not been provided, and the metric still indicates that habitat enhancement measures to meet the 10% BNG requirement are located off-site. A point from my previous response (set out below) regarding strategic significance within the metric has also not been addressed.

The proposals site is located within the Dearne Valley Green Heart Nature Improvement Area. Prior to publication of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy, habitats within the nature improvement area should be classed as being of strategic significance. Reference should be made to the Biodiversity Metric User Guide on assigning strategic significance within the metric.

**NO OBJECTION\***

**Defer for amends/further information\***

**OBJECT\***