



PLANNING CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Application No	2026/0014
Proposal	Proposed steel containers to be converted into a private bar with car sales offices above. (Retrospective)
Address	Unit 2, Park Springs Spring Hill Road, Grimethorpe, Barnsley, S72 7BQ
Date of Consultation Reply	10/06/2026
Consultee	Katie Lawrence, Planning Ecologist

Consultation Assessment and Justification

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

- The proposals site is located within an Impact Risk Zone of Dearne Valley Wetlands Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI); however, the development type at this distance from the SSSI is not anticipated as having an adverse impact on the site. Consultation with Natural England will not be required as part of this application.
- A biodiversity metric has been submitted with the application; however, as it is a retrospective application, Biodiversity Net Gain does not apply. Regardless of this, landscaping should be incorporated on site in the aim to mitigate loss of an area of native scrub habitat.
- The Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) report submitted provides a description of scrub habitat adjacent to the cleared area which is likely to be representative of what has been lost. The remaining scrub area comprises a range of native species, which is likely to have provided benefits to a range of wildlife, such as nesting birds, hedgehogs, etc. as well as enhancing habitat connectivity within the wider area. It is disappointing that clearance works have taken place prior to detailed baseline habitat surveys being carried out to fully assess the value of habitats and also consider the potential impact upon protected and priority species.
- As detailed above, the applicant should submit plans indicating proposed planting on site to mitigate for the loss of the scrub habitat. Reference should be made to the survey results of the PEA to inform an appropriate landscape strategy.
- Recommendations within the PEA include the incorporation of tree mounted boxes for birds and bats, which is welcomed. The applicant should provide plans indicating the potential locations of such boxes, or incorporation onto buildings if trees are not suitable.

~~NO OBJECTION*~~

**Defer for amends/further
information***

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