

MEMO

**North
Lincolnshire
Council**

To: Scott Jackson, Development Management
From: Alicia Morley, Place Planning & Housing
Your Ref: PA/2025/878
Date: 12 January 2026

**Subject: UPDATE Planning permission to site two porta cabins and a secure vehicle, machinery and materials storage area together with palisade security fencing
Field adjacent waste disposal site, Bigby Road, Barnetby Le Wold, DN38 6EB**

Summary

- The updated Biodiversity Metric Assessment has been carried out and reveals biodiversity enhancement of >10%, which is acceptable, with suitable amendments to the proposed habitats to be created.
- Planning conditions are proposed to minimise harm to protected and priority species and habitats and to seek a measurable net gain in biodiversity in accordance with Policy CS17, the National Planning Policy Framework and the statutory Biodiversity Metric.

Thank you for consulting Place Planning & Housing on the above application.

Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG)

I have assessed the submitted updated Statutory Biodiversity Metric and Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) Plan. Comments collated through our assessment software are set out in Appendix 2. Main points are as follows:

- The baseline map has been provided and appears accurate.
- Strategic significance has been applied appropriately to baseline and post-development habitats.
- Baseline habitats comprise of rural trees, other neutral grassland, ruderal/ephemeral, bramble scrub and developed land; sealed surface. Some of the rural trees will be lost, as will the other neutral grassland and the ruderal/ephemeral sections.
- Habitat creation will consist of rural tree, artificial unvegetated, unsealed surface and other neutral grassland.

- There will be a net gain of 21.09%, equating to +0.51 BU, with the provisions delivered on-site.

The headline results are as follows:

Combined	On-site pre-intervention (baseline)	Loss of pre-intervention (baseline) habitats	Post-intervention	Net change	
	BU	BU	BU	BU	%
Area habitats	2.4	2.23	2.91	0.51	21.09
Hedgerows	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0
Watercourses	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0

The plan has been amended to place the proposed trees in a more scattered formation around the site perimeter including on the berm to be created. This berm will additionally have other neutral grassland created.

Recommended Conditions

“Works shall be carried out strictly in accordance with the submitted Preliminary Ecological Appraisal Report dated November 2025.

Reason: To conserve biodiversity in accordance with saved policy LC5 and policy CS17.”

The Biodiversity Gain Plan will need to be provided prior to commencement of development alongside the relevant documents (including the metric) to demonstrate the required biodiversity uplift.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Ecologist**

Annex- Ecology and Legal Protection

Badgers

Badgers and their setts (tunnels and chambers where they live) are protected by the Protection of Badgers Act 1992.

It is an offence to:

- take, injure or kill a badger - or attempt these actions
- treat a badger cruelly
- interfere with a badger sett
- possess or control a live badger
- mark or ring a badger

Bats

All species of bat are protected under Schedule 5 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and Schedule 2 of The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 making all species of bat European Protected Species. Details of the legislation can be found at:

Wildlife and Countryside Act

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1981/69/contents>

The Countryside and Rights of Way Act:

http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts2000/ukpga_20000037_en_7#pt3-pb8-l1g81

The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017:

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http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2010/uksi_20100490_en_1

Great Crested Newts

The great crested newt is fully protected under Schedule 5 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and Schedule 2 of The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 making it an European Protected Species. Details of the legislation are the same as those for bats (see above).

Nesting birds

It is an offence under Section 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981(WCA 1981) to intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is use or being built. The WCA 1981 also provides that all wild birds and their eggs are protected and cannot be killed or taken except under licence.

Reptiles

The adder, common lizard, grass snake and slow worm are protected against intentional killing or injuring under Schedule 5 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended).

Appendix 2 – BNG Metric Software Comments

A-1 On-Site Habitat Baseline, ref 4

Rural trees to be retained on the site perimeter. Strategic significance as ecologically desirable but not in local strategy. Targeted for Moderate condition.

A-1 On-Site Habitat Baseline, ref 3

Bramble scrub to be retained around the perimeter. Condition assessment N/A, strategic significance appropriate.

A-1 On-Site Habitat Baseline, ref 2

Other neutral grassland to be lost, in Poor condition. Strategic significance is appropriate.

A-1 On-Site Habitat Baseline, ref 1

Ruderal/ephemeral to be lost, classified as in Poor condition. Strategic significance appropriate.

A-2 On-Site Habitat Creation, ref 3

Rural trees to be planted around the perimeter of the site in scattered bunches. Targeted to achieve Moderate condition which is acceptable. Strategic significance classified as ecologically desirable but not in local strategy.

A-2 On-Site Habitat Creation, ref 2

Other neutral grassland to be created with a target condition of Moderate, which is achievable. Strategic significance appropriate.

A-2 On-Site Habitat Creation, ref 1

Artificial unvegetated, unsealed surface created (site degradation) for much of the site not already developed. Condition N/A and strategic significance appropriate.

A-1 On-Site Habitat Baseline, ref 6

Developed land; sealed surface to be retained (current recycling facility). Strategic significance appropriate and condition N/A.

A-1 On-Site Habitat Baseline, ref 5

Rural trees to be lost on the site perimeter. Strategic significance as ecologically desirable but not in local strategy. Condition assessed as Good.

Outcome group

Rural trees to be retained on the site perimeter. Strategic significance as ecologically desirable but not in local strategy. Targeted for Moderate condition.

Outcome group

Bramble scrub to be retained around the perimeter. Condition assessment N/A.

Outcome group

Other neutral grassland to be lost, in Poor condition.

Outcome group

Ruderal/ephemeral to be lost, classified as in Poor condition.

Outcome group

Rural trees to be planted around the perimeter of the site. Targeted to achieve Moderate condition which is acceptable. Strategic significance classified as ecologically desirable but not in local strategy. Insufficient spacing between trees (1 tree per 3m) and positioning more appropriate for hedgerows or a line of trees.

Outcome group

Other neutral grassland to be created with a target condition of Moderate, which is achievable.

Outcome group

Artificial unvegetated, unsealed surface created (site degradation) for much of the site not already developed.

Outcome group

Developed land; sealed surface to be retained (current recycling facility).

Outcome group

Rural trees lost from the site (degradation occurred prior to application), presumed as in Good condition and with a strategic significance of ecologically desirable but not in local strategy.
