

Ecology Team Consultation Response	
Date:	09.07.2024
Planning Ref:	4/24/2231/0F1
Description:	Construction and continued use of two agricultural buildings for use by pedigree livestock.

The county ecologist has reviewed the application and accepts the information submitted to support the BNG application. The following conditions are suggested.

Conditions

Wildlife Friendly Habitat

As mentioned in the Design and Access Statement, bird boxes should be fitted around building A and 'bee bricks' to be occasionally inserted in lieu of solid bricks to attract solitary bee species to nest. Confirmation that this is planned should be submitted to the council for acceptance.

Biodiversity Net Gain

The county ecologist confirms that Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) is in scope for this development and approves the BNG documents submitted with the application.

Please note that if planning permission is granted this is a planning permission only, and the development will be subject to the biodiversity gain condition as set out below.

Subject to exemptions and transitional arrangements, the effect of paragraph 13 of Schedule 7A to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 is that every planning permission granted for the development of land in England is deemed to have been granted subject to the condition ("the biodiversity gain condition") that development may not begin unless:

- a) A Biodiversity Gain Plan has been submitted to the planning authority,
- b) the planning authority has approved the plan,
- c) the native hedgerow, and other neutral grassland will have an associated Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan in place for 30 years as the gains here constitute 'Significant On-site Gains', and
- d) results of the monitoring of these habitats must be programmed for submission to the council.

The planning authority, for the purposes of determining whether to approve a Biodiversity Gain Plan would be Cumberland Council.

Commencing development which is subject to the biodiversity gain condition without an approved Biodiversity Gain Plan could result in your development becoming subject to enforcement action.