

21 January 2026

Development Management Team,
Place, Sustainable Growth and Transport,
Cumberland Council,
The Market Hall,
Market Place,
Whitehaven,
CA28 7JG

Email: Development.control@sellafieldsites.com
Our ref: PLC/BCC/2219

Dear Sir/Madam,

Drilling of Boreholes and small-scale injection trial works at Mid Tarn Farm

Sellafield Ltd is hereby applying for full planning permission for the drilling of up to forty boreholes and small scale injection trial works at Mid Tarn Farm, which is to the west of the Sellafield site.

Planning consent was granted in 2024 (ref: 4/24/2241/0F1) for the drilling of six boreholes on Mid Tarn Farm and Tarn Head Farm, with the aim of identifying a suitable test site for the undertaking of in ground trials to support ground remediation works on the Sellafield Ltd operational site. The works carried out under this consent have identified Mid Tarn Farm as the most suitable site for additional investigations. The required investigations have been set out within this application.

The following electronic files have been produced in support of this application:

- Completed application form, including ownership certificates
- Combined planning and design and access statement
- Ecological Impact Assessment and cover note
- Ground Investigation Report and cover note
- Site Location Plan
- Topographic Plan
- Block Plan

Under Article 7 1A of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015, Sellafield Ltd believes that the permission granted by the Local Planning Authority will be exempt from the Biodiversity Net Gain Condition. This is based on

Regulation 4 of the Biodiversity Gain Requirements (Exemptions) Regulations 2024. Please see the Ecological Impact Assessment and accompanying cover note for more detail.

The appropriate fee of £2578 has been approved. Confirmation will be provided when this has been paid.

Please send all planning enquiries and correspondence to the Sellafield Ltd Development Control team at development.control@sellafieldsites.com.

Yours sincerely,

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