

Durham County Council

Regeneration and Economic Development
Planning Development
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Application for Planning Permission. Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Publication of applications on planning authority websites.

Please note that the information provided on this application form and in supporting documents may be published on the Authority's website. If you require any further clarification, please contact the Authority's planning department.

1. Site Address

Number

Suffix

Property name

Address line 1

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/city

Postcode

Description of site location must be completed if postcode is not known:

Easting (x)

Northing (y)

Description

2. Applicant Details

Title

First name

Surname

Company name

Address line 1

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/city

Country

2. Applicant Details

Postcode

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant? Yes No

Primary number

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

3. Agent Details

Title

First name

Surname

Company name

Address line 1

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/city

Country

Postcode

Primary number

Secondary number

Fax number

Email

4. Site Area

What is the measurement of the site area? (numeric characters only)

Unit

5. Description of the Proposal

Please describe details of the proposed development or works including any change of use.

If you are applying for Technical Details Consent on a site that has been granted Permission In Principle, please include the relevant details in the description below.

The development is the creation of 6 ponds located on the same farm holding, in order to create suitable habitat for Greater Crested Newts. The project is part of wider scheme in conjunction with Durham Wildlife Trust and Natural England. The scheme is to compensate other sites within County Durham where developments are taking place where Greater Crested Newt habitats have been destroyed in order for the development to take place. The 6 ponds are to be excavated on semi improved pasture, all 6 of the ponds will be fenced off and will be 150m², they will have a minimum depth of 25cm with a gently sloped gradient down to a maximum depth of 1m. It is proposed that 4 ponds will be in one location (as per the location plan) and the other 2 in a different location (see plans). The scheme is designed to conserve and enhance both habitat and population of the Greater Crested Newt and the 2 respective sites have been chosen subject to a survey from Durham Wildlife Trust for their respective merits. The wider farm holding is a site which has been and is continued to be managed with conservation at the forefront and this scheme contributes greatly.

5. Description of the Proposal

Has the work or change of use already started?

Yes No

6. Existing Use

Please describe the current use of the site

The site is currently semi improved pasture land, used for the grazing of sheep and cattle on a low input basis.

Is the site currently vacant?

Yes No

If Yes, please describe the last use of the site

Semi improved grass pasture, used seasonally for the grazing of livestock. Proposed works will not alter or affect the site use as the proposed developments will be fenced off.

When did this use end
(if known)?
DD/MM/YYYY

Does the proposal involve any of the following? If Yes, you will need to submit an appropriate contamination assessment with your application.

Land which is known to be contaminated

Yes No

Land where contamination is suspected for all or part of the site

Yes No

A proposed use that would be particularly vulnerable to the presence of contamination

Yes No

7. Materials

Does the proposed development require any materials to be used externally?

Yes No

8. Pedestrian and Vehicle Access, Roads and Rights of Way

Is a new or altered vehicular access proposed to or from the public highway?

Yes No

Is a new or altered pedestrian access proposed to or from the public highway?

Yes No

Are there any new public roads to be provided within the site?

Yes No

Are there any new public rights of way to be provided within or adjacent to the site?

Yes No

Do the proposals require any diversions/extinguishments and/or creation of rights of way?

Yes No

If you answered Yes to any of the above questions, please show details on your plans/drawings and state their reference numbers

One of the proposed ponds is to be situated approximately 50 metres away from a public bridleway that is used very infrequently. The proposed pond would be fenced off to prevent any disturbance of the species it is designed to encourage and enhance.

9. Vehicle Parking

Does the site have any existing vehicle/cycle parking spaces or will the proposed development add/remove any parking spaces?

Yes No

10. Trees and Hedges

Are there trees or hedges on the proposed development site?

Yes No

And/or: Are there trees or hedges on land adjacent to the proposed development site that could influence the development or might be important as part of the local landscape character?

Yes No

If Yes to either or both of the above, you may need to provide a full tree survey, at the discretion of your local planning authority. If a tree survey is required, this and the accompanying plan should be submitted alongside your application. Your local planning authority should make clear on its website what the survey should contain, in accordance with the current 'BS5837: Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - Recommendations'.

11. Assessment of Flood Risk

Is the site within an area at risk of flooding? (Check the location on the Government's Flood map for planning. You should also refer to national standing advice and your local planning authority requirements for information as necessary.)

Yes No

If Yes, you will need to submit a Flood Risk Assessment to consider the risk to the proposed site.

Is your proposal within 20 metres of a watercourse (e.g. river, stream or beck)?

Yes No

Will the proposal increase the flood risk elsewhere?

Yes No

How will surface water be disposed of?

Sustainable drainage system

Existing water course

Soakaway

Main sewer

Pond/lake

12. Biodiversity and Geological Conservation

Is there a reasonable likelihood of the following being affected adversely or conserved and enhanced within the application site, or on land adjacent to or near the application site?

To assist in answering this question correctly, please refer to the help text which provides guidance on determining if any important biodiversity or geological conservation features may be present or nearby; and whether they are likely to be affected by the proposals.

a) Protected and priority species:

- Yes, on the development site
 Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development
 No

b) Designated sites, important habitats or other biodiversity features:

- Yes, on the development site
 Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development
 No

c) Features of geological conservation importance:

- Yes, on the development site
 Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development
 No

13. Foul Sewage

Please state how foul sewage is to be disposed of:

- Mains Sewer
 Septic Tank
 Package Treatment plant
 Cess Pit
 Other
 Unknown

Other

There will be no foul sewage associated with the development

Are you proposing to connect to the existing drainage system?

Yes No Unknown

14. Waste Storage and Collection

Do the plans incorporate areas to store and aid the collection of waste?

Yes No

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Have arrangements been made for the separate storage and collection of recyclable waste?

Yes No

15. Trade Effluent

Does the proposal involve the need to dispose of trade effluents or trade waste?

Yes No

16. Residential/Dwelling Units

Please note: This question has been updated to include the latest information requirements specified by government. Applications created before 23 May 2020 will not have been updated, please read the 'Help' to see details of how to workaroud this issue.

Does your proposal include the gain, loss or change of use of residential units?

Yes No

17. All Types of Development: Non-Residential Floorspace

Does your proposal involve the loss, gain or change of use of non-residential floorspace?

Note that 'non-residential' in this context covers all uses except Use Class C3 Dwellinghouses.

Yes No

18. Employment

Are there any existing employees on the site or will the proposed development increase or decrease the number of employees?

Yes No

Existing Employees

Please complete the following information regarding existing employees:

Full-time

Part-time

Total full-time equivalent

Proposed Employees

If known, please complete the following information regarding proposed employees:

Full-time

Part-time

Total full-time equivalent

19. Hours of Opening

Are Hours of Opening relevant to this proposal?

Yes No

20. Industrial or Commercial Processes and Machinery

Does this proposal involve the carrying out of industrial or commercial activities and processes?

Yes No

Is the proposal for a waste management development?

Yes No

If this is a landfill application you will need to provide further information before your application can be determined. Your waste planning authority should make it clear what information it requires on its website

21. Hazardous Substances

Does the proposal involve the use or storage of any hazardous substances?

Yes No

22. Site Visit

Can the site be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land?

Yes No

If the planning authority needs to make an appointment to carry out a site visit, whom should they contact?

- The agent
 The applicant
 Other person

23. Pre-application Advice

Has assistance or prior advice been sought from the local authority about this application?

Yes No

24. Authority Employee/Member

With respect to the Authority, is the applicant and/or agent one of the following:

- (a) a member of staff
(b) an elected member
(c) related to a member of staff
(d) related to an elected member

It is an important principle of decision-making that the process is open and transparent.

Yes No

For the purposes of this question, "related to" means related, by birth or otherwise, closely enough that a fair-minded and informed observer, having considered the facts, would conclude that there was bias on the part of the decision-maker in the Local Planning Authority.

Do any of the above statements apply?

25. Ownership Certificates and Agricultural Land Declaration

CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP - CERTIFICATE B - Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 Certificate under Article 14

I certify/The applicant certifies that:

- I have/The applicant has given the requisite notice to everyone else (as listed below) who, on the day 21 days before the date of this application, was the owner* and/or agricultural tenant** of any part of the land or building to which this application relates; or
 The applicant is the sole owner of all the land or buildings to which this application relates and there are no other owners* and/or agricultural tenants**.

* 'owner' is a person with a freehold interest or leasehold interest with at least 7 years to run. ** 'agricultural tenant' has the meaning given in section 65(8) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Person role

- The applicant
 The agent

Title

First name

Surname

Declaration date (DD/MM/YYYY)

Declaration made

26. Declaration

I/we hereby apply for planning permission/consent as described in this form and the accompanying plans/drawings and additional information. I/we confirm that, to the best of my/our knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine opinions of the person(s) giving them.

Date (cannot be pre-application)