Wiltshire Council Planning Consultation Response

ECOLOGY

Officer name:	Jenna Buss
Date:	13/09/2023
Application number:	PL/2023/05674
Proposal:	The proposal involves the construction of a pump track. A pump track is a circuit of rollers, banked turns and features designed to be ridden completely by riders "pumping", i.e. generating momentum by up and down body movements, instead of pedalling or pushing. Can be used by mountain bike, BMX, skateboard, roller blade, scooter riders and even wheelchair users
Site address:	Broomcroft Road Play Park, Pewsey, Wilts, SN9 5HA
Case officer:	Helena Carney

Recommendations:

	No Comment
	Support
	No objection
x	Condition (no objection subject to conditions)
	Objection - further information required
	Objection in principle
	HRA completed

Matters Considered:

Thank you for consulting Ecology, I have reviewed the application and supporting documents against OS Maps and aerial photography of the site and surrounding area, together with GIS layers of statutory and non-statutory sites and existing records of protected species.

We welcome the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal submitted in support of the application and note that the proposal is unlikely to impact upon biodiversity being located on amenity grassland that is currently managed regularly. In addition, we note that no trees will require removal. Proposals for biodiversity net gain have been included within the ecology report, several of these recommendations should be included within the development design where appropriate and these details should be submitted prior to works commencing.

Conditions:
The development will be carried out in strict accordance with the following documents:

- Preliminary Ecological Appraisal dated June 2022 by Wild Service.

REASON: For the avoidance of doubt and for the protection, mitigation and enhancement of biodiversity.

- Prior to the commencement of any works, including vegetation removal, details of the biodiversity enhancements shall be submitted to the local authority for approval. The approved details shall be implemented before occupation of the final works.

REASON: To provide mitigation /enhancement for biodiversity.

Informatives:

Reptiles

There is a residual risk that reptiles could occur on the application site. These species are legally protected and planning permission does not provide a defence against prosecution. In order to minimise the risk of these species occurring on the site, the developer is advised to clear vegetation during the winter, remove all waste arising from such clearance and maintain vegetation as short as possible in line with the recommendations made in (Extended Phase 1 Survey by Stark Ecology dated September 2022). If these species are found during the works, the applicant is advised to stop work and follow advice from an independent ecologist or the Council Landscape and Design Team (ecologyconsultations@wiltshire.gov.uk)

Breeding Birds

The adults, young, eggs and nests of all species of birds are protected by the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) while they are breeding.

Please be advised that works should not take place that will harm nesting birds from March to August inclusive. All British birds, their nests and eggs are protected under Section 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 while birds are nesting, building nests and sitting on eggs. The applicant is advised to check any structure or vegetation capable of supporting breeding birds and delay removing or altering such features until after young birds have fledged. Damage to extensive areas that could contain nests/breeding birds should be undertaken outside the breeding season. This season is usually taken to be the period between 1st March and 31st August but some species are known to breed outside these limits.

Final sign off – all matters addressed:

Ecologist	Date
Jenna Buss	13/09/23