

Wiltshire Council Planning Consultation Response

ECOLOGY

Officer name: Mary Holmes MCIEEM

Date: 30/06/2026

Application No: PL/2026/00474

Proposal: Erection of a solar array

Site Address: College Farmhouse, 1 Pewsey Road, Upavon, Pewsey, SN9 6DT

Case Officer: Joe Leesam

Recommendations:

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

Further Information Required

	Issue	Policy/Legislative Compliance	Date information requested & Further information required	Satisfactorily addressed (Document & Date)

The outstanding document(s) listed above are needed to enable the council's ecology team to consider all the impacts and benefits of the proposed scheme. The council's ecologists will provide a further response once all the above information has been submitted via the case officer. Please note: Any changes to the documents previously submitted must be highlighted, otherwise they will not be considered.

Matters Considered:

Thank you for consulting me on the above application in relation to ecology. I have reviewed the relevant submitted information as listed below and looked at the scheme against various mapping (OS and aerial) of the surrounding areas together with a review of designated sites and existing records of protected/notable species.

Biodiversity Net Gain

Under Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as inserted by Schedule 14 of the Environment Act 2021) this application is required to deliver 10% Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG). The Biodiversity Gain Plan condition will automatically apply if approval is forthcoming.

A completed statutory metric calculation (completed by Alex Homewood on 18/12/2025) confirming the baseline and predicted post- development biodiversity units of the site has been submitted.

Information in the completed on-site baseline habitat tabs is accepted as accurate based on the information submitted.

The pre-development (baseline) situation is summarised below.

On-site pre-development (baseline) biodiversity value	0.17 Habitat units
	0.38 Hedgerow units
	0 Watercourse units
Are there any irreplaceable habitats on-site?	No
Has any habitat degradation of occurred?	No

Final sign off – all matters addressed:

Ecologist	Date
Mary Holmes	30/06/2026