

**Consultation Response from KC,
Ecology Unit**

**2026/90706 Mars Care And Treats Petcare Europe Ltd, Oakwell Way, Birstall, Batley,
WF17 9LU**

Erection of temporary portakabin building for a period of 5 years

Date Responded: 04/06/2026

Responding Officer: Z. Hanshaw

Responding Ref: 2606/07

Good morning,

I have reviewed the revised information submitted and I am satisfied with the information submitted. The Biodiversity Net Gain Metric demonstrates that an area of Modified Grassland will be lost to the modular unit, and an area of Modified Grassland will be enhanced to Other Neutral Grassland in Moderate condition. The Biodiversity Net Gain informative should be included in the decision notice for this application.

As included in the Kirklees Ecology comments (April 2026), given the existing habitats in the location proposed for the modular unit, and the industrial surrounding land use, it is unlikely that protected or priority species are present and likely to be affected by the proposals. However, as there is an existing hedgerow to be removed, I would recommend that a breeding bird condition is included in any consent.

Suggested conditions:

Biodiversity Net Gain Informative

Breeding birds

No removal of vegetation that may be used by breeding birds shall take place between 1st March and 31st August inclusive, unless a competent ecologist has undertaken a careful, detailed check for active birds' nests immediately prior to the works and provided written confirmation that no birds will be harmed and/or that there are appropriate measures in place to protect nesting bird interest on site. Any such written confirmation should be submitted to the local planning authority.