

Site Name	Cadent Brick Kiln Street Hinckley Leicestershire LE10 0NA	Advice Request	Ecology
Planning Ref	24/00610/OUT	Response Deadline	24th Sept 2024
Planning Officer	Sullivan Archer	Completed By	Kirsten Hunter BSc ACIEEM
Date of Request	10th Sept 2024	Date of Issue	9th Oct 2024

Stance: No objection

Dear Sullivan,

I am writing in respect of ecological matters for the above application regarding the erection of up to 195 dwellings (including affordable housing). All matters are reserved except access together with landscaping and other infrastructure. This response is in receipt of the requested BNG Metric.

The metric achieves a gain in excess of 10% for habitat units, however trading rules are not satisfied due to insufficient compensation for the lost low and medium distinctiveness habitats. The applicant should seek to resolve trading rules through revising the landscape strategy according to 'Trading Summary Area Habitats' on the BNG Metric. Additionally, as previously noted LPA comments in the previously submitted planning application 21/00875/HYB requested a change to the species composition of proposed 'native hedgerow'. With the addition of further hedgerows, as per the previous LPA comments, a net gain should also be achievable for hedgerow habitats.

As per the previous response, the following is recommended to address ecological concerns:

- Precautionary methods of working should be implemented with regards to the retained trees with bat roost potential. A Reasonable Avoidance Measures Method Statement (RAMMS) is recommended to be conditioned to ensure that the retained trees are adequately protected through buffering and establishment of root protection areas; and
- A suitable bat-friendly lightning plan should be produced, reviewed by a competent ecologist, then submitted to and agreed upon with the LPA, with particular emphasis on preventing light spill into the retained vegetated Site boundaries.

Yours sincerely,



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On behalf of Leicestershire County Council (Ecology Team)



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