



CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinkley and Bosworth Borough Council
APPLICATION NUMBER	24/01066/FUL
ADDRESS	Land West Of Westfield Avenue Earl Shilton Leicestershire
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Erection of 18 dwellings with associated access, car parking, landscaping and drainage
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Matt Jedruch
DEPARTMENT	Ecology
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Nikki Morton
DATE OF COMMENTS	20/12/2024
SUMMARY RESPONSE:	
No comment	
No objection	
Recommend Refusal	
Holding Objection - Further information required	✓
Condition recommended	
Informative recommended	
SUMMARY OF ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED:	
• I have reviewed the Ecological Appraisal (FPCR November 2024) and the Biodiversity Net Gain report (FPCR, December 2023)	
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION PROVIDED:	
• The recommendations are generally acceptable with regards to protected species. But further information regarding biodiversity net gain is required.	
BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG) SPECIFIC COMMENTS:	
• Mandatory biodiversity net gain applies to the development • The metric submitted is version 4.0 but needs to be the statutory version of the metric • Habitat degradation has occurred under the previous planning permission for the site therefore the calculations do not need to be backdated.	
FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED:	
• The statutory version of the biodiversity net gain metric needs to be submitted. • It is likely that a net loss will be shown, therefore the applicant should provide details of how mandatory net gain will be secured such as if units will be purchased or if land within the applicants ownership will be used.	

AMENDMENTS RECOMMENDED:
• N/A
RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:
• N/A
RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:
• N/A
RECOMMENDED SECTION 106 REQUIREMENT (standard clause, contribution amount, trigger for payment)
• N/A
DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS ONLY: (Please confirm which condition(s) is/are being discharged)
• N/A

Note for applicants: Please be aware that this specialist advice is provided to the Local Planning Authority through a Service Level Agreement between the Local Planning Authority and Leicestershire County Council.

If you have any queries about this advice, please correspond directly with the Planning Officer assigned to the planning application or discharge of condition application. We are unable to respond directly to applicant enquiries regarding the advice that we have provided as part of this service.

The following legislation is used to assist in the assessment of planning applications:

Legislation source	Reference
National Planning Policy Framework	Paragraphs relevant to biodiversity, biodiversity net gain, ecological connectivity and protected species
Environment Act 2021	Mandatory Net Gain Biodiversity Duty Local Nature Recovery Strategy
District or Borough Local Plan and supporting SPD's	Local Plan policy
ODPM circular 06/2005: Biodiversity and Geological Conservation	Requirement for species survey work and mitigation recommendations to be carried out prior to the determination of a planning application. Paras. 98 and 99
NERC Act 2006	Biodiversity Duty (see also Environment Act 2021) Section 41, habitats and species of Principal Importance (previously BAP)
Various International, European and National laws in relation to the protection of species and habitats	International and national site protection: Ramsar sites (from Ramsar Convention), Habitat and Birds Directives (Natura 2000 sites include SAC's and SPA's), SSSI's, National Nature Reserves, Local Wildlife Sites, Local Nature Reserves. Habitats and Species protection: Habitat and Species Regulations (protected sites and species). Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended including special Schedule 1), Natural England Standing Advice. Badger Act.