

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

COUNTY, DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council	
APPLICATION NUMBER	25/00831/HOU	
ADDRESS	Rowden Cottage Fenn Lanes Fenny Drayton Nuneaton Leicestershire	
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Erection of garage	
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Zahra Jam-Rotbeh	
DEPARTMENT	Ecology	
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Jemma Bett	
DATE OF COMMENTS	25 March 2026	
ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:		
The Preliminary Ecological Appraisal - Arbtech (Nov 2025)		
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:		
No comment		
No objection (for recommended conditions or informatives- see below)		✓
Recommend Refusal		
Holding Objection - Further information required		
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:		
- The Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (Arbtech, Nov 2025) has been viewed. Great Crested Newts (GCN): - The onsite habitat provides limited suitable terrestrial habitat for GCN. However, the report notes the presence of multiple ponds within 250 m of the site, including ponds historically known to support GCN located within 200m. Suitable habitat connectivity from these ponds, such as from P3, has also identified. - Nevertheless, the onsite pond (P1) has been assessed to provide poor suitability to GCN. Given this, and the limited terrestrial habitat available onsite, a non-licensed mitigation plan has been proposed. The proposed measures are appropriate and must be adhered to, the below suggested worded condition is recommended. Biodiversity Enhancements: - In line with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), the application must demonstrate measurable net gains for biodiversity. Recommended enhancements have been suggested within the report including, bat, bee and bird boxes.		

- Any enhancement measures must be shown on all relevant submitted plans and include details of the make/model, installation height and location. Locations should be adjusted to meet species specific requirements and must be retained thereafter. For example, integrated/woodcrete bat boxes should be installed onsite, at least 4 meters above ground and the bird box at least 2 meters above ground. - All works are to proceed strictly in accordance with the approved scheme. As such, the below suggested worded condition is recommended.
ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:
- The development hereby approved shall be implemented in strict accordance with the Precautions Working Methods within the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (Arbtech, Nov 2025) - No development shall take place until a biodiversity enhancement scheme has been submitted to and approved in writing by the LPA. Enhancements shall include (but is not limited to) at least one woodcrete/integrated bat box, and woodcrete/integrated bird box, specifying the make/model and their locations. Any enhancement measures need to be shown on all relevant submitted plans. All works are to proceed strictly in accordance with the approved scheme.
ANY RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:
All new planting should be composed of native species. All new planting should be composed of native species of local provenance and species to attract pollinating insects as identified in the RHS' 'Plants for Pollinators' database.
IN THE CASE OF DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS ONLY: (Please confirm which condition(s) is/are being discharged)

Note for applicants: Please be aware that this advice is provided to the Local Planning Authority through a Service Level Agreement between the Local Planning Authority and Leicestershire County Council Ecology Team. Its purpose is to discharge the legal duties of the determining authority under The Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) Regulations (2000), Regulations 4.

If you have any queries about the content, 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 to the determining authority.

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.

