

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
APPLICATION NUMBER	25/00180/FUL
ADDRESS	Heather Close Farm Markfield Lane Botcheston Leicester Leicestershire LE9 9FH
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Extension of existing commercial building including parking and turning area, as well as landscape and biodiversity enhancements
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Matt Jedruch
DEPARTMENT	Ecology
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Michael McCoy
DATE OF COMMENTS	12/03/2025
SUMMARY RESPONSE:	
No comment	
No objection	
Recommend Refusal	
Holding Objection - Further information required	✓
Condition recommended	✓
Informative recommended	✓
SUMMARY OF ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED:	
• 'BNG SSM' (Harris-Watkins: Charte surveyor, 2025), 'BNG Baseline Plan' (Land App, 2025), 'Biodiversity NET Gain Statement' (Andrew Large surveyors Ltd, 2025) .	
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION PROVIDED:	
• We have reviewed 'Site Location Plan' (Andrew Large surveyors Ltd, 2025) and 'Proposed Elevations, Floor Plan' (Andrew Large surveyors Ltd, 2025). • To ensure that the proposed habitat creation is achievable and the future management of this habitat is secured, it is requested that a draft Habitat Management & Monitoring Plan (HMMP) is provided.	
BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG) SPECIFIC COMMENTS:	
• The BNG small site metric is acceptable with the 10% net gain achieved.	
FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED:	
• A draft version of a HMMP.	
AMENDMENTS RECOMMENDED:	
• N/A	

RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:
Prior to commencement of works, a Biodiversity Gain Plan must be submitted, along with a Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan (HMMP) detailing how net gain will be achieved and secured for a period of 30 years.
RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:
All new planting should be composed of native species.
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.

