

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinkley & Bosworth Borough Council
APPLICATION NUMBER	24/00747/HOU
ADDRESS	The Moorings Ibstock Road Odstone Hinckley Leicestershire LE10 0QG
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Two storey rear extension, entrance porch, double garage and new access driveway
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Grant Perks
DEPARTMENT	Ecology
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Dean LeFeuvre
DATE OF COMMENTS	03/12/2024
SUMMARY RESPONSE:	
No comment	
No objection	
Recommend Refusal	
Holding Objection - Further information required	
Condition recommended	✓
Informative recommended	
SUMMARY OF ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED:	
PRELIMINARY ECOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT The ecological assessment conducted by Wildlife Consultants Ltd dated November 2024 is satisfactory. This included a Preliminary Roost Assessment (PRA) which I requested in my original comments in August 2024. The PRA identified that the structure to be extended was of negligible bat roost potential and that no further surveys for this species was required to proceed. The PEA assessment also considered the potential for other protected or notable species and no constraints were identified. There have been recommendations made in relation to artificial lighting and biodiversity enhancements.	
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION PROVIDED:	
N/A	
BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG) SPECIFIC COMMENTS:	
N/A	
FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED:	
N/A	

AMENDMENTS RECOMMENDED:
N/A
RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:
- As part of the development proposals and inline with NPPF guidance, enhancements for biodiversity should be incorporated into the proposed development scheme. A number of suitable site-specific enhancements have been providing within the Wildlife Consultants Ltd Preliminary Ecological Assessment report dated November 2024. A Biodiversity Enhancement Scheme (BES) in the form of a single page drawing/plan should be provided to demonstrate these onsite gains and to include the following measures; - External lighting plan with details of relating to type of units to be used and outputs; - Two incorporated bat bricks on the eastern & southern elevations; - Three swift bricks in close proximity incorporated into the property (eaves); - Two bricks are incorporated into the new build; - Shrubbery and hedgerow planting. The BES should clearly illustrate the locations of the enhancements along with specifications to be submitted to the LPA for approval and condition discharge. Advise from the project should be sought to avoid back and forth drawing/plan reiterations.
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.