

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
APPLICATION NUMBER	24/00461/REM
ADDRESS	Land South Of Markfield Road Ratby Leicestershire
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Approval of Reserved Matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) for outline application 22/00648/OUT for residential development of up to 75 dwellings alongside associated site infrastructure and open space and discharge of condition 2
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Alex Jelley
DEPARTMENT	Ecology
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Dale Devereaux
DATE OF COMMENTS	10/06/2024
SUMMARY RESPONSE:	
No comment	
No objection	
Recommend Refusal	
Holding Objection - Further information required	
Condition recommended	☒
Informative recommended	
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION PROVIDED:	
- I have reviewed the updated BNG metric and BNG technical note, as well as the Detailed Landscape Plan prepared by FPCR (March 2024). - These documents are acceptable and demonstrate a commendable increase in biodiversity units. - In order to ensure the landscape and ecological features detailed in these documents are suitably implemented and maintained, the below Condition should be attached to any permission. - This will complement conditions 6, and 21 of the outline permission relating to ecology (Condition 5 has already been discharged).	
BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG) specific comments:	
As the outline application was submitted prior to the implementation of statutory BNG, the provided BNG metric 3.1 is acceptable to demonstrate a net gain in biodiversity as required by the NPPF.	

FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED:
N/A
AMENDMENTS RECOMMENDED:
N/A
RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:
- No development shall take place (including ground works or vegetation clearance) until a Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP) has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The LEMP shall include the following details: A. description and evaluation of the features to be created/enhanced B. aims and objectives of management C. appropriate management options for achieving aims and objectives D. prescriptions for management actions E. work schedule F. species/seed mixes to be planted/sown G. ongoing monitoring and remedial measures The approved plan will be implemented in accordance with the approved details.
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
NPPF Dec 2023	Paras 8, 180, 181, 185, 186, 187, 188
Environment Act 2021	Mandatory Net Gain Biodiversity Duty Local Nature Recovery Strategy
District or Borough Local Plan and supporting SPD's	Local Plan policy reference:
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	International and national site protection: Ramsar sites (from Ramsar Convention), Habitat and Birds Directives (Natura 2000 sites include

the protection of species and habitats	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.
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