

**CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:**

**ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE**

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| <b>DISTRICT OR BOROUGH</b>  | Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council  |
| <b>APPLICATION NUMBER</b>   | 24/01124/FUL reconsult   |
| <b>ADDRESS</b>  | Barwell Constitutional Club 20 Chapel Street Barwell<br>Leicester Leicestershire LE9 8DD |
| <b>DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT</b>   | Erection of two single storey dwellings (revised scheme of 23/00716/FUL)                 |
| <b>PLANNING CASE OFFICER</b>  | Joe Fleetwood  |
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| <b>DEPARTMENT</b>   | Ecology  |
| <b>PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER</b>   | Helen Chambers   |
| <b>DATE OF COMMENTS</b>   | 29/01/25   |
| <b>SUMMARY RESPONSE:</b>  |  |
| No comment  |  |
| No objection  | ✓  |
| Recommend Refusal   |  |
| Holding Objection - Further information required  |  |
| <b>SUMMARY OF ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED:</b>  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BNG Summary (JM Ecology, 2025)</li> <li>• Biodiversity Metric Calculation Tool (JM Ecology, 2025)</li> </ul>   |  |
| <b>REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION PROVIDED:</b>  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We commented previously and raised queries regarding the BNG baseline of the site (comments dated 16/01/25).</li> <li>• We note the BNG summary and calculation tool have been provided with the relevant areas addressed. We are confident with the BNG baseline (and assessment) of the site.</li> </ul> |  |
| <b>PROTECTED SPECIES FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED:</b>  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>   |  |
| <b>BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG)</b>  |  |
| <b>FURTHER INFORMATION IS REQUIRED REGARDING:</b>   |  |
| Incomplete or incorrect cells in the statutory metric   |  |
| Incomplete or incorrect UK Hab or condition assessment information  |  |
| Final pre-development habitat value   |  |
| How post-development BNG land will be secured for 30 years  |  |
| Description of <b>irreplaceable habitat</b>   |  |
| Description of <b>degradation</b>   |  |

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| <b>BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG) SPECIFIC COMMENTS:</b>   |                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are happy that the BNG assessment is reasonable and feasible. The on-site enhancements are not considered significant and therefore do not need securing.</li> <li>• It is noted that the applicant will achieve mandatory BNG via purchase of off-site credits via the Environment Bank.</li> </ul>  |                 |
| <b>DATE PROVIDED ON STATUTORY METRIC ONCE REVIEWED AND AGREED (for decision notice purposes):</b>   | <b>22/01/25</b> |
| <b>ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:</b>  |                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The mandatory BNG condition should apply to the planning application.</li> <li>• Prior to commencement of development, full details of a scheme for the location of bat roosting and bird nesting features to be integrated into buildings and suitable hedgehog gaps in boundary features shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Thereafter and prior to the occupation of any dwelling hereby permitted features shall be installed on the site in accordance with the approved details. Photographs of the integrated bird and bat boxes and hedgehog gaps within the new dwellings should be provided in order to discharge this condition.</li> </ul> |                 |
| <b>ANY RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:</b>  |                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>   |                 |
| <b>DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS ONLY:</b>  |                 |
| (Please confirm which condition(s) is/are being discharged)   |                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>   |                 |

**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   |
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| National Planning Policy Framework  | Paragraphs relevant to biodiversity, biodiversity net gain, ecological connectivity and protected species   |
| Environment Act 2021  | Mandatory Net Gain<br>Biodiversity Duty<br>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)<br>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. |

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|  | 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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