

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

**ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE**

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| <b>COUNTY, DISTRICT OR BOROUGH</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council                              |
| <b>APPLICATION NUMBER</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 24/01017/HOU                                                       |
| <b>ADDRESS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Lyndale Lindridge Lane Desford Leicester Leicestershire<br>LE9 9GN |
| <b>DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Two storey and single storey rear extension                        |
| <b>PLANNING CASE OFFICER</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Sophie Iliffe                                                      |
| <b>DEPARTMENT</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Ecology                                                            |
| <b>PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Jemma Bett                                                         |
| <b>DATE OF COMMENTS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 13 August 2025                                                     |
| <b>ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preliminary Bat Roost Assessment Report - Elton Ecology (July 2025)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                    |
| <b>SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                    |
| No comment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                    |
| No objection (for recommended conditions or informatives- see below)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                    |
| Recommend Refusal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                    |
| Holding Objection - Further information required                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | ✓                                                                  |
| <b>REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The further Bat Survey Report carried out by Elton Ecology (July 2025) has been viewed and identified an occasionally used day roost of a single soprano pipistrelle. Therefore, a roost is to be lost given the proposed works.</li> <li>As suggested in the report, to undertake any modification of the existing dwelling a Bat Low Impact Licence (BLICL) is required. You must note this type of licence cannot be applied to maternity roosts.</li> <li>Recommended mitigation methods have been stated within Table 9 of the report and suggested compensatory bat roost provisions must be installed at the site, including a compensatory bat box on a nearby tree to translocate any bats found and a permanent fixture to be installed on the proposed building.</li> <li>The above enhancement/mitigation measures being offered for bats need to be shown on all relevant submitted plans, including the bat box make/models and their locations. We have a holding objection until this is supplied.</li> </ul> |                                                                    |
| <b>ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                    |
| <b>ANY RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                    |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As advised in the report, a Bat Low Impact Class Licence (BLICL) is required, and any destructive works should be undertaken under the BLICL.</li> </ul>                                                              |     |
| <b>IN THE CASE OF DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS ONLY:</b><br>(Please confirm which condition(s) is/are being discharged)                                                                                                                                           |     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                           |     |
| <b>BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG) SECTION</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |     |
| <b>HAVE MINIMUM NATIONAL INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS BEEN PROVIDED (PPG paragraph 11):</b>                                                                                                                                                                      |     |
| Confirmation that development is subject to statutory biodiversity gain condition                                                                                                                                                                            | Y/N |
| Pre-development Habitat Plan of existing onsite habitat (to scale)                                                                                                                                                                                           | Y/N |
| Pre-development Habitat Value (on date of application or earlier)                                                                                                                                                                                            | Y/N |
| Completed Metric Calculation Tool                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Y/N |
| Statement of Habitat Degradation where present (with dates and details)                                                                                                                                                                                      | Y/N |
| Reason for proposing an earlier date if applicable (ie. degradation)                                                                                                                                                                                         | Y/N |
| Description of Irreplaceable Habitat where present                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Y/N |
| <b>SMALL SITES METRIC ONLY:</b> "Competent person" information (ie. qualifications, skills, experience)                                                                                                                                                      | Y/N |
| <b>BNG METRIC INFORMATION missing or incorrect:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |     |
| Incomplete or incorrect cells are shown in metric (eg. habitat quantity, type or condition, strategic significance)                                                                                                                                          | Y/N |
| <b>ON-SITE AND OFF-SITE PROPOSALS PRESENT:</b><br>These should be secured and monitored for 30 years                                                                                                                                                         |     |
| Applicant-owned <u>significant onsite</u> BNG is proposed                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Y/N |
| Off-site BNG is proposed (eg. BNG units provided to achieve 10% BNG uplift either on applicant-owned land, purchased units or statutory credits)<br><b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> this is <b>indicative only</b> , confirmed at Biodiversity Gain Plan condition stage | Y/N |
| <b>TYPE OF SIGNIFICANT ON-SITE HABITAT PROPOSED:</b> (using the current government definition <sup>1</sup> )                                                                                                                                                 |     |
| Medium or High Distinctiveness                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Y/N |
| Large number of units at Low Distinctiveness                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Y/N |
| Significant increase in Distinctiveness, Condition or Area                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Y/N |

**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.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/make-on-site-biodiversity-gains-as-a-developer#significant-on-site-enhancements>

**The following legislation is used to assist in the assessment of planning applications:**

| <b>Legislation source</b>                                                                               | <b>Reference</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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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.<br>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. |

