

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

COUNTY, DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
APPLICATION NUMBER	25/01101/FUL
ADDRESS	Land Rear Of 5 - 15 The Coppice Burbage Leicestershire
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Erection of a custom build bungalow and detached garage
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Ashleigh Gade
DEPARTMENT	Ecology
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Michael McCoy
DATE OF COMMENTS	17 April 2026
ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:	
• Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (Ecology Solution, Jan 2026) • Ecological Assessment (Ecology Solution, Apr 2021) • DEFRA Biodiversity Metric 2.0 calculation tool (reference: 8936.Biodiversity Metric.dv8) (Ecology Solution, Oct 2025) • Natural England Statutory Biodiversity Metric calculation tool (reference: 14224.The_Statutory_Metric_dv1) (Ecology Solution, Mar 2026) • Ecology Solutions' previous Ecological Assessment (report reference: 8936.EcoAs.vf2 dated January 2021)	
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	
No comment	
No objection (for recommended conditions or informatives- see below)	
Recommend Refusal	
Holding Objection - Further information required	✓
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:	
• While further documents and the metrics have been provided, along with the previous Ecological Assessment, we still require further clarification. • Please can the baseline maps and post-development maps be shown which match the BNG metrics. Showing what is to be related on-site for the new dwelling as well as the overall site which matches metric 2.0. • Please can the user comment also be completed in both metrics to show the difference between which calculations belong to the self-build in the overall Biodiversity metric 2.0. • In the statutory metric, please can the person who completed the metric as well as metric completion date be filled in on the front page.	

Further information is needed on the creation of lowland meadows within the red line boundary, will this be located within private curtilage of the new, self-built dwelling?
ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:
N/A
ANY RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:
N/A
IN THE CASE OF DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS ONLY: (Please confirm which condition(s) is/are being discharged)
N/A

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.

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.

