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| <b>Site Name</b>        | The White House Bosworth Road Wellsborough Nuneaton Leicestershire CV13 6PB | <b>Advice Request</b>    | Ecology                       |
| <b>Planning Ref</b>     | 23/00923/FUL                                                                | <b>Response Deadline</b> | 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 |
| <b>Planning Officer</b> | Sullivan Archer                                                             | <b>Completed By</b>      | Dean LeFeuvre                 |
| <b>Date of Request</b>  | 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2023                                              | <b>Date of Issue</b>     | 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 |

**Stance: No objections.**

Dear Sullivan,

I am writing in respect of ecological matters for the above application advice request regarding the proposed construction of single storey self-build dwelling.

Thank you for reconsulting with me following my comments made during October 2023 regarding the requirement for additional supporting information in relation to ecology. I can see that a document titled 'Preliminary Ecological Appraisal' has been uploaded to the online planning portal as requested.

The 'Preliminary Ecological Appraisal' report dated October 2023, completed by Stefan Bodnar is acceptable. The assessment identified that the proposed development site is of low ecological value due to it comprising entirely of a maintained residential garden. There have however been a number of best practice precautionary recommendations made (Section 4.3b) in relation to breeding birds, badgers, amphibians, and reptiles. These will need to be adhered to throughout the development and construction works on site. Biodiversity enhancement recommendations to include native species-rich hedgerow planting have been made to mitigate the impacts of the proposed access on the existing hedgerow. There have also been recommendations for the provision of bird nest boxes (a minimum of one bird box and one house sparrow terrace) and bat boxes (a minimum of one integrated as bat brick), details of which can be found within Appendix 5 of the report. The provision of these enhancements can form a standard planning condition to any approved scheme, with the details and locations of the boxes illustrated on a plan/drawing to discharge the condition.

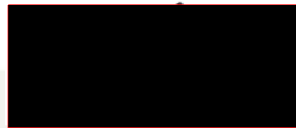
With regards to the 'Bosworth Road Hedgerows' Local Wildlife Site (LWS) located at the proposed access, I can see from an email dated Thursday 23rd November 2023 by Simon Warner (the applicant) that;

*"the closure of the existing field gate will be secured by the planting of additional native hedgerow that will result in a "like for like" exchange between the proposed and existing access. In addition, the highway verge is of a sufficient depth that the visibility splays can be achieved without any removal of the existing hedgerow so the current status quo will be maintained and there will be nil detriment to the existing hedgerow in this respect."*

I can confirm that the above is acceptable to mitigate the impacts of the existing hedgerow section removal to facilitate the proposed access. I would like to see a list of the native species to be planted, shown on a soft landscape drawing or similar if one is provided for the site.

I remove my original holding objection pending the inclusion of the above.

Yours sincerely,



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**On behalf of Leicestershire County Council (Ecology Team)**

