

Site Name	Bradwardine Desford Lane Ratby Leicester Leicestershire	Advice Request	Ecology
Planning Ref	23/00723/FUL	Response Deadline	22 nd February 2024
Planning Officer	Matt Jedruch	Completed By	Dean LeFeuvre
Date of Request	8 th February 2024	Date of Issue	9 th February 2024

Stance: No objections.

Dear Matt,

I am writing in respect of ecological matters for the above application advice request regarding the proposed demolishing and replacement of existing bungalow and stables and associated works.

Thank you for reconsulting with me following my comments made during September 2023 requesting additional supporting Information In relation to roosting bats. I can see that a document titled 'Bat Survey' has been submitted for my attention.

The 'Internal/External Bat Survey' report dated February 2024 completed by Stefan Bodnar is acceptable. The assessment did not identify the presence of roosting bats, evidence of or potential for roosting bats to occur across the structure surveyed. Therefore there will be no further requirement to undertake additional surveys. The survey did however identify the presence of swallow nests which were inactive due to the season in which the survey was undertaken. It is anticipated that this species will return to nest during the appropriate breeding bird season (March - August Inclusive) and therefore all demolition should take place prior to this. If this cannot be achieved than a pre-demolition check of the structures will need to be undertaken by an appropriately experienced ecologist to confirm absence. To mitigate the loss of nesting bird habitat through the demolition of the existing structures, a recommendation has been made to include the following;

- provision of a single bird box (House sparrow terrace) on or incorporated within the main building; and 2 x swallow cups attached in an appropriate location on the new structure.

To provide a biodiversity enhancement, a single bat box on or incorporated within the main building has also been recommended. These can be form a standard planning condition with the details of each provided within a drawing/plan showing the makes, models and locations submitted to the LPA for approval and discharge.

Yours sincerely,



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On behalf of Leicestershire County Council (Ecology Team)



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