

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

COUNTY, DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
APPLICATION NUMBER	26/00492/HOU
ADDRESS	Kirkfield 34 Main Street Carlton Nuneaton Leicestershire CV13 0EZ
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Proposed single storey rear extension
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Jack Playle
DEPARTMENT	Ecology
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Jemma Bett
DATE OF COMMENTS	14 July 2026
ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:	
• Proposed Plans - 0226 – 09 -002 D (May 2026) • Existing Plans - 0226 – 09 -001 A (April 2026) • n/a	
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	
No comment	
No objection (for recommended conditions or informatives- see below)	
Recommend Refusal	
Holding Objection - Further information required	✓
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:	
• The proposed development comprises a single-storey rear extension on existing garden. • The site is located immediately adjacent to agricultural fields and mature hedgerows which extend into the wider landscape and therefore provide suitable commuting and foraging habitat for protected species. • There is potential for the proposed development to impact habitats which support protected species, particularly given historical records of a badger sett on the site, which was disused at the time of surveying. Local Planning Authorities require up-to-date ecological information to adequately assess the ecological impacts of development proposals. • Therefore, given the period of time that has passed since the previous ecological survey was undertaken, an up-to-date walkover survey is required with a specific focus on badgers. • The survey should assess the habitats present, determine their suitability to support protected species, identify any evidence of current badger activity, and assess the	

likelihood of the proposed development resulting in disturbance. The survey should also identify whether any further targeted surveys or mitigation measures are necessary. • Additionally, in line with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), the application must demonstrate measurable gains for biodiversity. The ecologist should recommend enhancements such as bat and bird boxes, specifying the make/model and location, and include these on annotated images or elevation plans. • At this stage a holding objection is in place until the required ecological information is submitted. Please be advised, in accordance with the ODPM Regulations, protected species surveys must be submitted and assessed prior to determination of a planning application. Therefore, the application should not be determined without the protected species' information being received.
ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:
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ANY RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:
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IN THE CASE OF DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS ONLY: (Please confirm which condition(s) is/are being discharged)
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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.
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