

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinkley & Bosworth Borough Council
APPLICATION NUMBER	24/00975/OUT
ADDRESS	Land North East Of Old White Cottage 2 Newbold Road Desford Leicester Leicestershire LE9 9GS
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Outline application for the construction of a 3-bedroom split-level dwelling with landscaping (Self-Build) (Scale, Landscaping, Layout and Access to be considered)
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Sullivan Archer
DEPARTMENT	Ecology
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Dean LeFeuvre
DATE OF COMMENTS	28/11/2024
SUMMARY RESPONSE:	
No comment	
No objection	
Recommend Refusal	
Holding Objection - Further information required	✓
Condition recommended	
Informative recommended	
SUMMARY OF ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED:	
N/A	
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION PROVIDED:	
N/A	
BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG) SPECIFIC COMMENTS:	
N/A	
FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED:	
No ecological appraisal has been submitted as part of the application which required at this stage, before any decision is made on the application. It cannot be left to reserved matters stage as plans may need to change to accommodate protected species mitigation or biodiversity enhancements. Therefore I would advise that this application is delayed until the following information has been submitted: Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) - This needs to include a UKHabs survey, protected species survey, as well as an assessment of impacts and proposed mitigation and	

enhancement measures. Any recommendations will need to be incorporated into the submitted plans.
AMENDMENTS RECOMMENDED:
• N/A
RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:
• N/A
RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:
• N/A
RECOMMENDED SECTION 106 REQUIREMENT (standard clause, contribution amount, trigger for payment)
• N/A
DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS ONLY: (Please confirm which condition(s) is/are being discharged)
• N/A

Note for applicants: Please be aware that this specialist advice is provided to the Local Planning Authority through a Service Level Agreement between the Local Planning Authority and Leicestershire County Council.

If you have any queries about this advice, 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 as part of this service.

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.