

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
APPLICATION NUMBER	25/00197/REM
ADDRESS	Land South Of Pumping Station Aston Flamville Road Burbage Leicestershire
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Reserved Matters submission for the appearance, layout and scale of development for 238 no. dwellings (southern parcel) pursuant to outline planning permission 23/00673/OUT.
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Matt Jedruch
DEPARTMENT	Ecology
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Michael McCoy
DATE OF COMMENTS	27/03/2025
SUMMARY RESPONSE:	
No comment	
No objection	
Recommend Refusal	
Holding Objection - Further information required	✓
Condition recommended	
Informative recommended	
SUMMARY OF ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION PROVIDED:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have reviewed 'Planning Layout -Overall Dwg No. BURB.001 Rev B' (Jelson Homes, 2024) and 'Planning Layout South site Dwg no BURB.003 Rev B' (Jelson Homes, 2024) As per comments made in the LCC Ecology response on 20/08/2023 for 23/00673/OUT, "The Biodiversity Net Gain calculations also currently show a net loss for the site therefore it will need to be demonstrated how this will be offset at the Reserved Matters Stage" The reserved matter application has not provided any information regarding BNG. The layout provides changes which will reduce connectivity compared to the previous layout, particularly in the southeast boundary of the site. An updated BNG metric will need to be submitted to account for the landscape changes. 	
BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG) SPECIFIC COMMENTS:	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Net loss of -21.42BU (-33.44%) in habitat • Net gain of 0.77BU (+2.49%) in hedgerow. • No irreplaceable habitat • Only loss of modified grassland
FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information on how they are going to off-set the significant loss of habitat. • Updated BNG metric in an excel format, taking into account the updated layout.
AMENDMENTS RECOMMENDED:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M/A
RECOMMENDED SECTION 106 REQUIREMENT (standard clause, contribution amount, trigger for payment)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS ONLY: (Please confirm which condition(s) is/are being discharged)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
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