

**CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:**

**ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE**

<b>COUNTY, DISTRICT OR BOROUGH</b>	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
<b>APPLICATION NUMBER</b>	25/00197/REM
<b>ADDRESS</b>	Land South Of Pumping Station Aston Flamville Road Burbage Leicestershire
<b>DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT</b>	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.
<b>PLANNING CASE OFFICER</b>	Matt Jedruch
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	Ecology
<b>PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER</b>	Michael McCoy
<b>DATE OF COMMENTS</b>	05 January 2026
<b>ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>	
<b>SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:</b>	
No comment	
No objection (for recommended conditions or informatives- see below)	
Recommend Refusal	
Holding Objection - Further information required	✓
<b>REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have reviewed 'PLANNING LAYOUT - OVERALL Drawing No: BURB.001 Rev F' (Jelson Homes, Dec 2025), 'STOREY HEIGHT PLAN Drawing No: BURB.004 Rev D' (Jelson Homes, Dec 2025) &amp; 'PLANNING LAYOUT - SOUTH SITE Drawing No: BURB.003 Rev F'.</li> <li>As per the previous ecology response dated 27/03/2025: <i>"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"</i>.</li> <li>The updated BNG metric is needed as per Condition 15: <b><i>"Prior to the commencement of each phase of development, a Biodiversity Net Gain Strategy (BNGS) and a Project Implementation Plan (PIP) for that phase shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority, unless a BNGS and PIP have previously been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority for the whole site. The BNGS shall detail proposals</i></b></li> </ul>	

***to redress loss of biodiversity and the mitigation strategy proposed shall include all on and off-site habitats required to deliver a net gain. The BNGS shall use the Biodiversity Metric 4.0 Calculation Tool unless an amended statutory Biodiversity Metric Calculator associated with the Environment Act 2021 becomes mandatory.***

***The PIP shall detail the delivery of ecological BNG mitigation and compensation, in accordance with the approved BNG strategy. The PIP shall include timescales for implementation, and an ongoing management and maintenance plan. The BNGS and PIP shall be implemented, managed and maintained in accordance with the approved details.***

***On completion of each phase, an update of the BNG Strategy shall be submitted to the local planning authority to demonstrate how a BNG has been delivered for that phase”.***

**ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:**

- N/A

**ANY RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:**

- N/A

**IN THE CASE OF DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS ONLY:**

(Please confirm which condition(s) is/are being discharged)

- N/A

**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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

