

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

COUNTY, DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
APPLICATION NUMBER	25/00741/CONDIT
ADDRESS	Land East Of Stretton Croft Wolvey Road Burbage Leicestershire
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Application to vary condition 9 (A5 improvements) and condition 16 (CEMP) of planning permission 23/01023/HYB
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Tim Hartley
DEPARTMENT	Ecology
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Hamish Jackson – Senior Ecological Consultant
DATE OF COMMENTS	3 December 2025
ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:	
• Discharge of Condition 8 CEMP: Biodiversity (Rachel Hacking Ecology Ltd, October 2025) • Ground Level Tree Assessment (Rachel Hacking Ecology Ltd, October 2025)	
Condition 16 ‘Prior to commencement of development a Construction Environmental Management Plan incorporating a Construction Traffic Management Plan shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority in consultation with National Highways. The Plan shall detail how, during the site preparation and construction phase of the development, the impact on existing residential premises and the environment shall be prevented or mitigated. The Plan shall detail how such controls will be monitored. The Plan shall include details on the following: a) Construction site layout showing clearly designated areas for the parking of vehicles for site operatives and visitors; areas for the loading and unloading of plant and materials (i.e. deliveries/waste); storage of plant and materials used in constructing the development; areas for managing waste; and wheel washing facilities; b) Construction phasing; c) An HGV routing plan to include likely origin/destination information, potential construction vehicle numbers, construction traffic arrival and departure times, and construction delivery times (to avoid peak hours); d) Clear and detailed measures to prevent debris, mud and detritus being distributed onto the local highway and Strategic Highway Network; e) Mitigation measures in respect of noise, odour, smoke, light contamination, land contamination and disturbance during the construction phase including vibration and noise limits, monitoring methodology, screening, a detailed specification of plant and equipment to be used and construction traffic routes;	

- f) A scheme to minimise dust emissions arising from construction activities on the site. The scheme shall include details of all dust suppression measures and the methods to monitor emissions of dust arising from the development;
- g) Waste management;
- h) Protection measures for hedgerows and grasslands; and
- i) A procedure for the investigation of complaints and details of the responsible person (e.g. site manager/office) who can be contacted in the event of a complaint.

Thereafter, all construction activity in respect of the development shall be undertaken in full accordance with such approved details.'

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:

No comment	☐
No objection	☒
Recommend Refusal	☐
Holding Objection - Further information required	☐

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:

Summary

We have reviewed the CEMP and Ground Level Tree Assessment relating to the likely impacts of development on designated sites, protected and Priority species & habitats and identification of appropriate mitigation measures.

We are satisfied that the CEMP has identified an appropriate mitigation strategy, which includes suitable control measures and Biodiversity Protection Zones for the hedgerows, woodland and grassland that support protected and Priority species. Furthermore, we are satisfied that the Ground Level Tree Assessment has confirmed that none of the trees on-site currently have potential roosting features for bats and therefore no further measures are required.

These documents provide sufficient information to meet the requirements of Condition 16 at an ecological perspective. In addition, we have no comments on the proposed variation of Condition 9 as it does not relate to ecology matters.

Recommendation

We have no objection to the proposals for this s.73 material amendment application and subject to the details contained within the Discharge of Condition 8 CEMP: Biodiversity (Rachel Hacking Ecology Ltd, October 2025) being secured and implemented in full, we recommend the discharge of Condition 16 at an ecological perspective.

ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:

N/A

ANY RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:

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	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.