

Site Name	Field Maple House 34 Lindridge Lane Desford Leicester Leicestershire LE9 9GN	Advice Request	Ecology
Planning Ref	23/01020/OUT	Response Deadline	27 th November 2023
Planning Officer	Matt Jedruch	Completed By	Dean LeFeuvre
Date of Request	8 th November 2023	Date of Issue	23 rd November 2023

Stance: Object.

Dear Matt,

I am writing in respect of ecological matters for the above application advice request regarding the proposed outline planning permission for the construction of up to 5 dwellinghouses (some matters reserved except for access).

I have reviewed the 'Site Location and Block Plans' document on the Hinkley & Bosworth Borough Council's online planning portal. I have also consulted Leicestershire and Rutland Environmental Records Centre (LRERC) for existing protected species data and designated sites within the locality, which may incur potential impacts depending on the proposals. None of which have been identified on this occasion.

The proposed development is located within a semi-rural setting and is therefore connected to habitats of interest for protected and notable species. When viewing the proposed site plan against the existing site plan, it would appear that there will be a requirement remove some trees within the site, amongst other vegetative habitat types. No ecological appraisal has been submitted as part of the application, which is required at this stage before any decision is made on the application. This 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.

A list of consultants able to do this work is available on the CIEEM website here: <https://events.cieem.net/RegisteredPracticeDirectory/Registered-Practice-Directory.aspx>

Yours sincerely,

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