

**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>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 26/00545/FUL                                                            |   |
| <b>ADDRESS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | The Spinneys Lindridge Lane Desford Leicester<br>Leicestershire LE9 9GN |   |
| <b>DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Upward extension; three dormers; front porch<br>extension; alterations. |   |
| <b>PLANNING CASE OFFICER</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Gwion Russell                                                           |   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                         |   |
| <b>DEPARTMENT</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Ecology                                                                 |   |
| <b>PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Michael McCoy                                                           |   |
| <b>DATE OF COMMENTS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 06 August 2026                                                          |   |
| <b>ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                         |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bat and Bird Report (Elton Ecology, Jun 2026)</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 the above document and find this acceptable.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                         |   |
| <b>ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                         |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No development shall take place until a biodiversity enhancement scheme has been submitted to and approved in writing by the LPA. Enhancements shall include (but is not limited to) at least one woodcrete/integrated bat box, the make/model and their locations. Any enhancement measures need to be shown on all relevant submitted plans. All works are to proceed strictly in accordance with the approved scheme.</li> </ul> |                                                                         |   |
| <b>ANY RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                         |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                         |   |
| <b>IN THE CASE OF DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS ONLY:</b><br>(Please confirm which condition(s) is/are being discharged)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                         |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                         |   |

**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<br>Biodiversity Duty<br>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)<br>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.<br>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. |

