

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

COUNTY, DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
APPLICATION NUMBER	26/00600/BNG
ADDRESS	Peckleton Barn Church Road Peckleton Leicester Leicestershire LE9 7RA
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Application to discharge the biodiversity gain condition for application 25/00576/FUL
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Lesley Keal
DEPARTMENT	Ecology
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Richard Kelly
DATE OF COMMENTS	12 August 2026
ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:	
• Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment Revision D (ACP, September 2025) • Planning Correspondence (13 July 2026) • Statutory BNG Metric A (Environment Bank, July 2026) • Great Crested Newt Reasonable Avoidance Measures Statement (ECO 360)	
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	
No comment	
No objection (for recommended conditions or informatives- see below)	
Recommend Refusal	
Holding Objection - Further information required	✓
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:	
• Discharge of the Biodiversity Gain Condition ONLY. • A Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment completed by ACP in September 2026 has been submitted with the application, this is accepted, no objections. • All the accompanying documents as set out in the Biodiversity Net Gain Planning Practice Guidance (Paragraph: 035 Reference ID: 74-035-20240214) have not been received. This should include: • Completed Biodiversity Gain Plan • There is a holding objection until these documents have been received and reviewed together in order to discharge this condition. • It is strongly recommended that the Biodiversity Gain Plan Template found on the Government Website is fully completed and submitted with the discharge of condition to	

ensure all BNG information requirements are met. The document can be found here: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/biodiversity-gain-plan • An agreement is in place with RSK Biocensus Limited, Off-site Reference: BGS-251024001 where units have been successfully allocated. • This creates a +10.81% increase in Habitat Units. • A Great Crested Newt Reasonable Avoidance Measures Statement completed by ECO 360 has been submitted and reviewed. No objections.
IN THE CASE OF DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS ONLY: (Please confirm which condition(s) is/are being discharged)
• Discharge of the Biodiversity Gain Condition ONLY. Holding objection.

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.

