

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
APPLICATION NUMBER	24/00805/FUL
ADDRESS	Inglenook Farm Leicester Road Barwell Leicester Leicestershire LE9 8BD
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Erection of an indoor riding school, including associated works
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Matt Jedruch
DEPARTMENT	Ecology
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Michael McCoy
DATE OF COMMENTS	16/06/2025
SUMMARY RESPONSE:	
No comment	
No objection	
Recommend Refusal	
Holding Objection - Further information required	✓
Condition recommended	
Informative recommended	
SUMMARY OF ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED:	
BNG Metric (May 2025)	
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION PROVIDED:	
- We have reviewed the updated BNG Metric as well as 'Revised Block Plan, Elevations and Floor Plan' (Housemartin design, 2025). - As per our previous comments on 25/03/25, two maps are required: one showing the baseline habitat (before degradation – matching baseline in metric), and one showing the post development. Both maps should be annotated with the UKHabs habitat type and colour coordinated with the red line boundary visible. - The BNG metric submitted is missing the details of who completed the metric and when on the homepage. This is an essential requirement as the statutory metric needs to be completed by a suitably qualified person with the date showing the time period the metric is valid for.	
BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG) SPECIFIC COMMENTS:	
- Habitats = +0.34BU (+11.52%) - Habitat degradation present and is accounted for in the metric	

• No irreplaceable habitat • While the metric shows that 10% will be achieved on-site, the further information stated below is required.
FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED:
• Habitat maps showing both baseline and post-development habitats and locations within the red line boundary, annotated with UKHabs classification. • BNG Metric with 'Completed by' and 'Date of metric completion' filled in on the homepage.
AMENDMENTS RECOMMENDED:
• N/A
RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:
• N/A
RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:
• N/A
RECOMMENDED SECTION 106 REQUIREMENT (standard clause, contribution amount, trigger for payment)
• N/A
DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS ONLY: (Please confirm which condition(s) is/are being discharged)
• N/A

Note for applicants: Please be aware that this specialist advice is provided to the Local Planning Authority through a Service Level Agreement between the Local Planning Authority and Leicestershire County Council.

If you have any queries about this advice, 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 as part of this service.

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.
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