



CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

COUNTY, DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
APPLICATION NUMBER	26/00560/HOU
ADDRESS	21 Andrew Close Stoke Golding Nuneaton Leicestershire CV13 6EL
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Erection of a two-storey rear extension, together with the installation of conservation style Velux roof windows to the rear roof slope of the loft
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Gwion Russell
DEPARTMENT	
	Ecology
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Jemma Bett
DATE OF COMMENTS	18 September 2026
ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:	
Preliminary Roost Assessment – Arbtech (Aug 2026)	
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	
No comment	
No objection (for recommended conditions or informatives- see below)	✓
Recommend Refusal	
Holding Objection - Further information required	
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:	
- The Preliminary Bat Roost Assessment has been reviewed. The dwelling was assessed as having negligible roosting therefore, no further ecological bat surveys are required. - Given the suitability of the surroundings the following informatives should be attached to any permission. Enhancements: - In accordance with the NPPF and the biodiversity duty under Section 40 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 (as amended by the Environment Act 2021), opportunities to secure measurable biodiversity gains and support nature recovery should be incorporated into the development. - Appropriate biodiversity enhancements, such as integrated bat and bird boxes have been recommended within the report.	

• Bat provisions: Integrated or woodcrete bat boxes should be installed at least 4 m above ground level, close to the eaves, positioned away from artificial lighting (including windows), and with an unobstructed flight path. • Bird nesting provisions: Integrated or woodcrete bird boxes should be installed at least 3 m above ground level and close to the eaves, in a shaded area, and with a clear approach. • Details of all ecological enhancements, including their type (make/model) and location, should be clearly shown on an elevation plan prior to determination or alternatively the following condition applied.
ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:
• 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.
ANY RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:
• A badger sett is defined by law as ‘any structure or place which displays signs indicating current use by a badger’. Under the Protection of Badgers Act 1992 it is an offence to: Take, injure, or kill a badger (or attempt to do so); Cruelly ill-treat a badger; Intentionally or recklessly damage, destroy or obstruct access to a badger sett; and intentionally or recklessly disturb a badger when it is occupying a badger sett. Therefore, no works should occur near to a badger sett unless carefully checked beforehand by a suitably qualified person. • Great Crested Newts, a species fully protected by law, are known to breed in a pond within 200m of the proposed development, therefore there is a small possibility that a newt, or small numbers of newts could be present on the site. The applicant should therefore exercise due care during implementation of the proposed development, ensuring that all contractors are aware of the possibility of finding great crested newts, and stored materials are carefully removed by hand. Work should cease if a great crested newt is found, and advice from a licensed ecologist should be sought.
IN THE CASE OF DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS ONLY:
(Please confirm which condition(s) is/are being discharged)
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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.

