

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

COUNTY, DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
APPLICATION NUMBER	26/00509/NMA
ADDRESS	Westfield Farm Keats Lane Earl Shilton Leicester Leicestershire LE9 7DS
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Non material amendment to planning permission 22/00446/CONDIT to allow for a fence in place of the cricket netting, minor adjustment to the location of the NEAP and creation of two ponds at a size of 150m2- 200m2 and a minimum depth of 1.5m for GCN habitat creation to the rear of Plots 1 to 8
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Ashleigh Gade
DEPARTMENT	Ecology
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Karley Khan
DATE OF COMMENTS	22 September 2026
ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:	
Habitat Measures Map (ref: Figure E3.1, dated 02/10/2018)	
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	
No comment	
No objection (for recommended conditions or informatives- see below)	
Recommend Refusal	
Holding Objection - Further information required	✓
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:	
We have reviewed the amended Site Layout Plan (ref: 3187–NEAP-001, RevD), Site Layout (ref: 3187-CAN-001, RevA) and Application Form, and request some further information/clarification regarding the ponds. The waterbodies shown on the habitat measures map do not accord with the overall site layout plan, and are referred to as ‘enforcement ponds’ in the key of the habitat map. As such, we request further information on the two ponds to be created, their proposed location and how the works will be undertaken as they are located in proximity to a Badger sett and GCN ponds.	
ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:	
N/A	
ANY RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:	

N/A
IN THE CASE OF DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS ONLY: (Please confirm which condition(s) is/are being discharged)
N/A

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.

