

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
APPLICATION NUMBER	25/00442/HOU
ADDRESS	64 Princess Road Hinckley Leicestershire LE10 1EB
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Two-storey side extension
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Zahra Jam-Rotbeh
DEPARTMENT	
	Ecology
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Michael McCoy
DATE OF COMMENTS	29/05/2025
SUMMARY RESPONSE:	
No comment	
No objection	
Recommend Refusal	
Holding Objection - Further information required	
Condition recommended	✓
Informative recommended	
SUMMARY OF ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED:	
N/A	
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION PROVIDED:	
- We have reviewed 'Existing Elevations, Floor Plans, Block, Site Location Plan, Drg No. PR01 Proposed Elevations, Section, Floor Plans, Drg No. PR02' (Four Counties Architecture Ltd, 2025) and found that the proposed development will have minimal ecological impact and therefore have no objection. - However, as the site is located within the 'Swift Alert' zone we recommend the following condition (see RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED section below).	
BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG) SPECIFIC COMMENTS:	
Exempt from BNG	
FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED:	
N/A	
AMENDMENTS RECOMMENDED:	
N/A	

RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:
The site is located within a 'Swift Alert' zone as it is within 250m of a number of recorded nest sites. Swifts are a declining species, and a priority species in our Local Biodiversity Action Plan, therefore ecological enhancements in the form of swift boxes should be installed on the existing building. These should be made of woodcrete for longevity, and located at least 5m above the ground, in a shaded area, and with a clear approach.
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.

