

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

COUNTY, DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
APPLICATION NUMBER	25/01094/BNG
ADDRESS	Valley View Station Road Desford Leicestershire
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Application to discharge the Biodiversity Gain Plan for application 25/00175/FUL
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Sullivan Archer
DEPARTMENT	Ecology
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Richard Kelly
DATE OF COMMENTS	11 December 2025
ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:	
• Application Form • Biodiversity Gain Plan • Habitat Maps • Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan	
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	
No comment	
No objection (for recommended conditions or informatives- see below)	
Recommend Refusal	
Holding Objection - Further information required	✓
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:	
It must be noted, including information from the Application Form this forms part of a discharge of conditions for application 25/00935/DISCON: Condition 4 HMMP which is currently being revised. In order to discharge this condition, the Biodiversity Gain Plan and HMMP but be submitted together so they can be reviewed concurrently. • Discharge of Biodiversity Gian Plan ONLY. A Biodiversity Gian Plan has been submitted and reviewed. • Section 1.2 - Planning Application reference number needs completing. • Section 4.7 and 4.8 'significant' on-site enhancement require updating. Created habitats of Other Neutral grassland in moderate-good condition of medium Distinctiveness and Individual trees in moderate condition, medium distinctiveness and native hedgerow in	

good condition, low distinctiveness is being created which meet the definition of 'significant'. • Section 4.12 – Has been answered no. A HMMP is in development and has been submitted with this application. • It would be useful to complete all sections that are not applicable within the Gain Plan as N/A. • There is a holding objection until this is addressed. • A Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan has been received and reviewed alongside this application (25/01094/BNG). • 1. Planning Authority requires updating to: Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council and Planning reference included. • Creation, Enhancement and Management Detailed Methods – Trees. List of proposed tree species are required. • There is a holding objection until the HMMP is updated. • Creation, Enhancement and Management Detailed Methods – Green Roof. It must be noted once specifications of the green roof species composition are confirmed the HMMP will need updating with these details.
IN THE CASE OF DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS ONLY: (Please confirm which condition(s) is/are being discharged)
• Application to discharge the Biodiversity Gain Plan. 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.
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