

Site Name	Manor Hill Farm Leicester Lane Desford Leicester Leicestershire	Advice Request	Ecology
Planning Ref	24/00451/FUL	Response Deadline	5 th Sept 2024
Planning Officer	Sullivan Archer	Completed By	Kirsten Hunter BSc ACIEEM
Date of Request	28 th August 2024	Date of Issue	6 th Sept 2024

Stance: Approve, no further comments

Dear Sullivan,

Thank you for inviting Red Kite to comment on the latest re-consultation regarding the above proposed application comprising proposed hardstanding, tree planting, storage tank and associated works. I have reviewed the following document:

- BNG Statutory Metric V2 received via email from planning on 27/08/2024;
- Biodiversity Enhancement Plan, by Clayton Ecology dated Aug 2024; and
- Construction Environmental Management Plan, by Clayton Ecology dated Aug 2024.

A Biodiversity Enhancement Plan and Construction Environmental Management Plan have been produced as per previous comments. I am satisfied that both documents are thorough and comprehensive and cover ecological concerns including inclusion of a bat-friendly sensitive lightning plan and details on spacing for tree planting within the BEMP. I have no further comments to add regarding these documents.

My previous comment regarding the feasibility of achieving net gain through planting of trees within a proposed garden habitat has been rectified through allocation of this area as 'modified grassland'. As such, this is legally securable for BNG purposes and the following is recommended as evidence to the LPA for the feasibility of the proposed habitat to achieve the proposed net gain:

- No development shall take place (including ground works or vegetation clearance) until a landscape plan covering 30 years has been submitted to and approved in writing by the LPA. This can take the form of a Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan (HMMP). Ideally a draft HMMP should be submitted with planning to demonstrate feasibility of the scheme, but a final version should be submitted with the Biodiversity Plan when planning permission is granted. This should include the following details:
 - description and evaluation of the features to be created/managed indicating planting schedules, species lists and planting strategy including best practise guidance on appropriate spacing for planting trees;
 - aims and objectives of management;

- appropriate management options for achieving aims and objectives;
- prescriptions for management actions;
- work schedule;
- species/seed mixes to be planted/sown; and
- ongoing monitoring and remedial measures.

The approved plan will be implemented in accordance with the approved details.

Yours sincerely,



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On behalf of Leicestershire County Council (Ecology Team)