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| Site Name        | Land South West Of Sutton Lane<br>Market Bosworth Leicestershire | Advice Request    | Ecology                       |
| Planning Ref     | 23/01102/FUL                                                     | Response Deadline | On-going consultation         |
| Planning Officer | Matt Jedruch                                                     | Completed By      | Kirsten Hunter<br>BSc ACIEEM  |
| Date of Request  | 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2024                                    | Date of Issue     | 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 |

**Stance: Approve subject to production of pre-commencement conditions**

Dear Matt,

I am writing in respect of ecological matters for the above application concerning the erection of a detached dwelling. This is an amendment to the ecology response issued by Red Kite on 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023 and 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024 following receipt of the Ecology Response from Elton Ecology.

While the conducting of a single bat survey in September is not ideal as per the previously issued ecological responses from Red Kite, in this case adequate justification has been given for undertaking the survey at this time, at the LPA's discretion. Justification provided for the other protected species survey in response to comments is considered to be satisfactory. As previously noted and as per in Table 16 of the PEA, the following should be undertaken as pre-commencement planning conditions:

- Should works not have commenced within 12 months since Site walkover, an update badger survey should be undertaken, in addition to the recommended pre-works badger walkover;
- Production of a bat-sensitive artificial lighting scheme which should be reviewed and approved by an experienced bat ecologist as recommended;
- Details on how the post-development plan might be achieved should be provided through a Landscape Ecological Management Plan (LEMP) to ensure agreed net gain is reached and the proposed created habitats achieve conditions specified in the BNG calculation. Ideally, a 30-year management plan should be provided in accordance with the Environment Act 2021, although it is accepted that this is not mandatory until Feb 2024;
- Production of a biodiversity Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) including details on appropriate timing of works to avoid harm to breeding birds and bats, Biodiversity Protection Zones (BPZs) for bat potential trees and buffer zones around the Sutton Brook to safeguard otters and water vole as per comments in the Ecology Response by Elton Ecology, root protection areas (RPAs) for retained trees and hedgerows.

CEMP should include consideration regarding trees T11 and T10 regarding proposed enhancement of H5 to ensure the works proceed without impacting potential bat roosts e.g. avoiding blocking/obstructing potential roost features (PRFs) and avoiding cluttering drop zones. This CEMP should also cover measures to safeguard badgers, brown hare and common amphibians; and

- Establishment and management of ecological enhancements recommended in Section 7 of the BNG, including bat roosting loft, swallow cups and invertebrate bricks should be included in a Biodiversity Enhancement Management Plan (BEMP).

Yours sincerely,



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**On behalf of Leicestershire County Council (Ecology Team)**