

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council	
APPLICATION NUMBER	25/00250/HOU	
ADDRESS	80 Coventry Road Burbage Leicestershire LE10 2HR	
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Single storey rear extension	
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Sullivan Archer	
DEPARTMENT	Ecology	
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Richard Kelly	
DATE OF COMMENTS	23/04/2025	
SUMMARY RESPONSE:		
No comment		
No objection		✓
Recommend Refusal		
Holding Objection - Further information required		
Condition recommended		✓
Informative recommended		
SUMMARY OF ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED:		
• Site Location • Block Plan • Proposed Plans • Existing Plans		
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION PROVIDED:		
• The proposed works consist of a single storey rear extension and internal alterations. The site is surrounded by other houses, small well vegetated gardens and mature trees. • There are records of swifts (<i>Apus apus</i>) nesting within the property. Swifts are a priority species in our Local Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) and NPPF where development to conserve or enhance biodiversity should be encouraged. Swifts are offered legal protection under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and under the NERC Act 2006, (Natural environment and Rural Communities Act) where local authorities have a duty to conserve biodiversity. • Any construction or demolition works need to be undertaken outside of the swift nesting season which generally runs from May to August inclusive to avoid causing disturbance to		

nesting swifts. Therefore, a swift enhancement scheme will be required. Please see Conditions.
BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG) SPECIFIC COMMENTS:
N/A
FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED:
N/A
AMENDMENTS RECOMMENDED:
N/A
RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:
Swift Enhancement Scheme - No development shall take place until a swift (<i>Apus apus</i>) enhancement scheme has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. This is to detail the timing of the works to avoid disturbance, mitigation required and the provision of a minimum of 2 woodcrete nest boxes, the make/model and location on building. All works are to proceed strictly in accordance with the approved scheme.
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	International and national site protection: Ramsar sites (from Ramsar Convention), Habitat and Birds Directives (Natura 2000 sites include

the protection of species and habitats	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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