

Christopher Brown
Head of Planning at Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
Via Email

Dear Christopher

Re: Planning Reference 25/00461/FUL - Condition 19: Details of the Project Ecologist

Project description: The permitted development for the demolition of the former Cottage Hospital and development of new day case surgery building with associated landscaping and parking at Hinckley And District General Hospital, Mount Road, Hinckley, Leicestershire, LE10 1AE.

The intention of this letter is to fulfil the requirements of planning condition 19, which is as follows below:

'All ecological mitigation measures and/or works shall be carried out in accordance with the details contained in the submitted Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (Geosphere Environmental, April 2025). This will include the appointment of an appropriately competent person e.g. an ecological clerk of works (ECOW) to provide on-site ecological expertise during construction. The appointed person shall undertake all activities, and works shall be carried out, in accordance with the approved details.'

Reason: To conserve protected and Priority species in accordance with Policy DM6 of the adopted Site Allocations and Development Management Policies Development Plan Document (2016) and allow the LPA to discharge its duties under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended), the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and s40 of the NERC Act 2006 (as amended).'

Red Kite confirm that we have been instructed by our Client, Darwin Group to be the Project Ecologist at Hinckley And District General Hospital for the Day Case Unit project to undertake Ecological Clerk of Works (ECOW) as required during the construction period. This will be undertaken by our Principal Ecologist, Dean LeFeuvre and his details are as follows:

- Project Ecologist / ECOW: Dean LeFeuvre
- Company Name: Red Kite Network
- Telephone number: 01952 582111
- Email address: dean@redkitenetwork.co.uk or the main Red Kite mailbox info@redkitenetwork.co.uk
- Qualifications and Experience:
 - A full member of the Chartered Institute of Ecology Environmental Management (CIEEM) and his academic qualifications include an FdSc in Ecology & Conservation Management and a BSc in Rural Resource Management.
 - Dean holds personal survey licenses for great crested newts, bats and white-clawed crayfish for England, Wales, and Scotland.
 - Dean has over 10 years of professional experience within the environmental consultancy sector, six of which have been with Red Kite Network.



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- Dean has a wide range of experience on projects ranging from small scale developments to large infrastructure projects. He is an accomplished surveyor of ecological site appraisals (Phase 1/Preliminary Ecological Appraisal) using both JNCC and UKHab assessment methodology, whilst also specialising in a range of protected species surveys. He regularly undertakes watching-brief and ECoW roles and provides advice to contractors during the demolition and construction phases of projects.

Yours sincerely,

K. Lewis

Katie Lewis
Principal Landscape Architect

For and on behalf of Red Kite Network Limited

