

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

COUNTY, DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council	
APPLICATION NUMBER	25/00813/FUL	
ADDRESS	Land Adjacent To 6 Meadow Lane Stanton Under Bardon Coalville Leicestershire LE67 9TL	
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Erection of 27 dwellings with associated access, parking, landscaping and drainage	
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Sullivan Archer	
DEPARTMENT	Ecology	
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Michael McCoy	
DATE OF COMMENTS	24 September 2025	
ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rev1 Preliminary Ecological Appraisal, Daytime Bat Walkover and Baseline Biodiversity Impact Assessment DRAFT (Emec Ecology, Aug 2025) 		
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:		
No comment		
No objection (for recommended conditions or informatives- see below)		
Recommend Refusal		
Holding Objection - Further information required		✓
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BNG metric is needed in excel format as well as condition assessment sheets • Further GCN eDNA of surrounding ponds required prior to determination. • The application form states there is no habitat degradation, however, from aerial imagery, there is evidence of habitat degradation with removal of a section of the southern hedgerow and degradation of the grassland. – A statement is required on this. • Further information on the condition assessment is required and needs putting into the BNG metric. • Results from the aerial inspections of T1 and T2 are needed. • Further otter surveys on WC1 and WC2 required. • As the Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) has been published, strategic significance in the BNG metric should be updated to reflect this in line with the LNRS. The site lies within the LNRS zone. • Please note that ODPM Regulations require protected species surveys to be submitted prior to determination of a planning application. It is also essential that the extent that they may be affected by the proposed development is established before the planning 		

<p>permission is granted. Reference: Paragraph 99 of ODPM Circular 06/2005 (Biodiversity and Geological Conservation – Statutory Obligations and their Impact within the Planning System). Therefore, any further surveys recommended within the report would need to be carried out prior to determination.</p>	
<p>ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No development shall take place (including ground works or vegetation clearance) until a Construction Environment Management Plan for biodiversity (CEMP: Biodiversity) has been submitted to and approved in writing by the LPA. The CEMP shall include the following details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Identification of potentially damaging construction activities B. practical measures and sensitive working practices to avoid or reduce impacts during construction on [...insert species ...] Great Crested Newts and reptiles C. timing of works to avoid harm to nesting birds D. responsible persons for overseeing sensitive works E. use of protective fencing where required [...insert features to be protected...] The approved CEMP shall be adhered to and implemented throughout the construction period, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the LPA. 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. 	
<p>ANY RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	
<p>IN THE CASE OF DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS ONLY: (Please confirm which condition(s) is/are being discharged)</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	
<p>BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG) SECTION</p>	
<p>HAVE MINIMUM NATIONAL INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS BEEN PROVIDED (PPG paragraph 11):</p>	
Confirmation that development is subject to statutory biodiversity gain condition	Y
Pre-development Habitat Plan of existing onsite habitat (to scale)	Y
Pre-development Habitat Value (on date of application or earlier)	Y
Completed Metric Calculation Tool	TBC
Statement of Habitat Degradation where present (with dates and details)	N
Reason for proposing an earlier date if applicable (ie. degradation)	N
Description of Irreplaceable Habitat where present	N/A
<u>SMALL SITES METRIC ONLY:</u> "Competent person" information (ie. qualifications, skills, experience)	TBC
<p>BNG METRIC INFORMATION missing or incorrect:</p>	
Incomplete or incorrect cells are shown in metric (eg. habitat quantity, type or condition, strategic significance)	TBC
<p>ON-SITE AND OFF-SITE PROPOSALS PRESENT: These should be secured and monitored for 30 years</p>	
Applicant-owned <u>significant onsite</u> BNG is proposed	TBC

Off-site BNG is proposed (eg. BNG units provided to achieve 10% BNG uplift either on applicant-owned land, purchased units or statutory credits) PLEASE NOTE: this is indicative only , confirmed at Biodiversity Gain Plan condition stage	TBC
TYPE OF SIGNIFICANT ON-SITE HABITAT PROPOSED: (using the current government definition ¹)	
Medium or High Distinctiveness	TBC
Large number of units at Low Distinctiveness	TBC
Significant increase in Distinctiveness, Condition or Area	TBC

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.

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/make-on-site-biodiversity-gains-as-a-developer#significant-on-site-enhancements>

