

Site Name	29 Sapcote Road Burbage Hinckley Leicestershire LE10 2AS	Advice Request	Ecology
Planning Ref	23/00695/OUT	Response Deadline	27 th October 2023
Planning Officer	David Spring	Completed By	Dean LeFeuvre
Date of Request	16 th October 2023	Date of Issue	25 th October 2023

Stance: No objections.

Dear David,

I am writing in respect of ecological matters for the above application advice request regarding the proposed outline planning application for the erection of up to 2 detached dwellings (All matters reserved except for access).

Thank you for re-consulting with me following my comments made during August 2023 regarding the provision of additional ecological information in relation to roosting bats, as recommended within the submitted Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) report. Having accessed the latest documents on Hinkley & Bosworth Borough Council's online planning portal, I can see that a document titled ' Bat Survey' has since been uploaded.

The 'BAT EMERGENCE SURVEY REPORT' dated October 2023 completed by JM Ecology is acceptable. The assessment did not identify the presence of a bat roost within the structure to be demolished. However due to the loss of roosting features on site and in line with NPPF policy, the provision of biodiversity enhancements through the implementation of 2no bat boxes have been recommended which can form a standard planning condition to any approved scheme. The makes, models and appropriate locations of these boxes should be shown on a relevant drawing/plan to discharge the condition. Any new lighting associated with the development should follow best practice guidelines outlined in Bats and Artificial Lighting in the UK (2023) to maintain suitable foraging habitats. No artificial light spill should occur towards any other buildings, trees, or hedgerows (both on and off-Site).

When referring back to the original PEA report, there are precautionary recommendations relating to breeding birds, great crested newts, reptiles, and hedgehogs that should be adhered to at all times during the site clearance and construction phases. These are covered within the Reasonable Avoidance Measures (RAMS) within chapter 7 of the report.

Yours sincerely,



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