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| <b>Site Name</b>        | Cadent Brick Kiln Street Hinckley<br>Leicestershire LE10 0NA | <b>Advice Request</b>    | Ecology                      |
| <b>Planning Ref</b>     | 24/00610/OUT                                                 | <b>Response Deadline</b> | 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2024   |
| <b>Planning Officer</b> | Sullivan Archer                                              | <b>Completed By</b>      | Kirsten Hunter<br>BSc ACIEEM |
| <b>Date of Request</b>  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024                                    | <b>Date of Issue</b>     | 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2024   |

**Stance: No objection**

Dear Sullivan,

I am writing in respect of ecological matters for the above application regarding the erection of up to 195 dwellings (including affordable housing). All matters are reserved except access together with landscaping and other infrastructure. I have accessed Leicestershire and Rutland Environmental Records Centre (LRERC) and reviewed the following documents on the online planning portal:

- BNG Metric;
- Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (update) by BM Ecology, Nov 2023;
- BNG Assessment Pg 1-38;
- BNG Assessment Pg 39-42;
- Site Location Plan and Illustrative Masterplan; and
- Consultee Comments for Planning Application 21/00875/HYB.

Field survey was undertaken outside of optimal time for grassland condition assessments (May-Sept) however given the urban context of Site, the habitat assessment and protected species evaluation is considered appropriate.

The existing uploaded Metric copy isn't in a reviewable format, however a net gain for habitats is achievable with the proposed landscape scheme. LPA comments in the previously submitted planning application 21/00875/HYB requested a change to the species composition of proposed 'native hedgerow' and detailed landscape proposals accompanied by ecological management plan at reserved matters stage in order to maximise biodiversity net gain. With the addition of further hedgerows, as per the previous LPA comments, a net gain should be achievable for hedgerow habitats.

The following is recommended:

- Precautionary methods of working should be implemented with regards to the retained trees with bat roost potential. A Reasonable Avoidance Measures Method Statement (RAMMS) is recommended to be conditioned to ensure that the retained trees are adequately protected through buffering and establishment of root protection areas; and



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- A suitable bat-friendly lightning plan should be produced, reviewed by a competent ecologist, then submitted to and agreed upon with the LPA, with particular emphasis on preventing light spill into the retained vegetated Site boundaries.

Pending upload of the full Excel spreadsheet BNG metric for verification of present habitat gain, I have no objections to the proposed development.

Yours sincerely,



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