

**CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:**

**ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE**

<b>COUNTY, DISTRICT OR BOROUGH</b>	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council	
<b>APPLICATION NUMBER</b>	25/00481/FUL	
<b>ADDRESS</b>	22 Elwell Avenue Barwell Leicester Leicestershire LE9 8FH	
<b>DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT</b>	Erection of one dwelling	
<b>PLANNING CASE OFFICER</b>	Sullivan Archer	
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	Ecology	
<b>PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER</b>	Jemma Bett	
<b>DATE OF COMMENTS</b>	09 January 2026	
<b>ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biodiversity Net Gain Report – Elton Ecology (Dec 2025)</li> <li>• Biodiversity Net Gain Metric – Ecologist EAM (Dec 2025)</li> </ul>		
<b>SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:</b>		
<b>No comment</b>		
<b>No objection (for recommended conditions or informatives- see below)</b>		✓
<b>Recommend Refusal</b>		
<b>Holding Objection - Further information required</b>		
<b>REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:</b>		
<p>BNG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The revised Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) report and metric have been reviewed and updated to accurately reflect the habitats present on site.</li> <li>• The BNG metric indicates a net loss of –34.00% in habitat units and 0.00% in hedgerow units.</li> <li>• Based on the current site, the BNG report indicates it is unlikely that 10% biodiversity net gain is to be achieved on-site. Off-site compensation will therefore be required.</li> <li>• Baseline values have been assessed, and post-development values will be verified at the discharge of the Biodiversity Gain Plan condition.</li> </ul> <p>Enhancements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In line with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), enhancements such as integrated bird boxes (including make/model and location) are required to be incorporated into the plans. Please see the below condition.</li> </ul>		
<b>ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:</b>		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No development shall take place until a biodiversity enhancement scheme has been submitted to and approved in writing by the LPA. Enhancements shall include (but is not limited to) at least one woodcrete/integrated bird box, the make/model and their locations. Any enhancement measures need to be shown on all relevant submitted plans. All works are to proceed strictly in accordance with the approved scheme.</li> </ul>
<b>ANY RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nesting birds are protected under the Wildlife &amp; Countryside Act 1981 (as amended); therefore, building demolition and significant alteration or vegetation clearance should take place outside the breeding season (March to August inclusive) unless carefully checked beforehand by a suitably qualified person.</li> <li>All new planting should be composed of native species</li> </ul>
<b>IN THE CASE OF DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS ONLY:</b>
(Please confirm which condition(s) is/are being discharged)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>

PRE-DEVELOPMENT HABITAT BASELINE FOR BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG)	
<b>THIS IS THE MINIMUM NATIONAL ESSENTIAL INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS (PPG paragraph 11) AND MUST BE SATISFIED PRIOR TO DETERMINATION:</b>	
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	Y
Statement of Habitat Degradation where present (with dates and details)	n/a
Reason for proposing an earlier date if applicable (ie. degradation)	n/a
Description of Irreplaceable Habitat where present	n/a
<b>SMALL SITES METRIC ONLY:</b> "Competent person" information (ie. qualifications, skills, experience)	Y
<b>BNG METRIC INFORMATION missing or incorrect:</b>	
Incomplete or incorrect cells are shown in metric (eg. habitat quantity, type or condition, strategic significance)	N

POST DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS FOR BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG)	
<b>PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS NOT ESSENTIAL INFORMATION PRIOR TO DETERMINATION.</b> Post-development information is <b>indicative only</b> ; final proposals must be confirmed at Biodiversity Gain Plan statutory condition stage.	
<b>ON-SITE SIGNIFICANT*</b> BNG is proposed (If Y, please see later table)	N
<b>OFF-SITE APPLICANT-OWNED</b> BNG is proposed (ie. Land shown on plan within the "blue line" boundary and inserted in "offsite" tab of statutory metric)	N
<b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> Where applicant-owned off-site or significant on-site BNG proposals are present, these should be secured and monitored for 30 years. The determining authority is responsible for monitoring for compliance.	
<b>OFF-SITE PURCHASE**</b> of BNG	TBC
BNG units purchase from a third party to achieve 10% BNG uplift	TBC

Statutory biodiversity credits	TBC
<b>PLEASE NOTE**:</b> Where purchased BNG units are proposed, any purchased units from the national register are secured and monitored for 30 years by conservation covenant, separately from this planning application process.	

**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.

