

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

COUNTY, DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
APPLICATION NUMBER	26/00187/REM
ADDRESS	Land East Of The Common Barwell Leicestershire
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Approval of reserved matters for 90 dwellings (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) of outline planning permission 23/01229/OUT for residential development of up to 95 dwellings
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Joseph Fleetwood HBBC
DEPARTMENT	
	Ecology
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	
	Richard Kelly
DATE OF COMMENTS	
	17 July 2026
ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:	
• Application Form • Site Location Plan: HA955-013-01 • Covering Letter (David Wilson Homes, February 2026) • Planning Layout: HA955/001/01 Rev P • Landscape Specification: G L2598 SP 01 • Landscape Proposals: GL2598 LP 01A • Soft Landscape Proposals: GL2598 LP 02A • Soft Landscape Proposals: GL2598 LP 03A • Soft Landscape Proposals: GL2598 LP 04A • Soft Landscape Proposals: GL2598 LP 05A • Soft Landscape Proposals: GL2598 LP 06A • Boundary Treatment Plan: HA955/003/01	
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	
No comment	
No objection (for recommended conditions or informatives- see below)	
Recommend Refusal	
Holding Objection - Further information required	✓
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:	
There have been numerous attempts to clarify issues regarding holding objections with the Reserved Matters application through the Planning Officer, including providing a draft response to	

which there has been no reply. Therefore, the draft response has been formalised and submitted below.

- Appearance, landscaping, layout and scale are to be considered under the reserved matters application.
- Planning Layout: HA955/001/01 Rev P seeks to retain and buffer existing hedgerows and trees with creation of public open space which is broadly in accordance with the Illustrative Landscape Masterplan drawing reference P20-3536-EN0009 C 0001.
- It is noted that additional areas of hedgerow removal are planned to facilitate access across the site.
- It is recommended these additional access points are reduced specifically between the outdoor recreation space, POS and SUDS.
- **There is a holding objection this is reduced.**
- **Condition 26 (scheme of hard & soft landscaping) ONLY.** Plans: GL2598 LP 01A, GL2598 LP 02A, GL2598 LP 03A, GL2598 LP 04A, GL2598 LP 05A and GL2598 LP 06A propose a good range of native species and species to attract pollinating insects which is welcomed. The plans also indicate the specifications of the types of seed mixes to be used. However.
- It is not clear if recommendations made at the outline stage (23/01229/OUT) have been incorporated into the proposals. This includes translocating grassland from Field 5 (Ecological Survey and Assessment, PCA, 2023) to the receptor site. There appears to be no provision for this in the submitted plans which will be key in discharging Condition 9 Ecological Constraints & Opportunities Plan and 10 Biodiversity Net Gain Plan of which the original proposals were based on.
- **There is a holding objection until further clarification is received regarding grassland translocation.**
- Boundary Treatment Plan: HA955/003/01 also indicates that majority of the dwellings will have boundaries of close boarded fencing. It is recommended that provisions are installed at the base of this fencing to allow hedgehog passage through the site by the adoption of 13x13cm hedgehog highways placed at suitable distances along the boundaries.
- **There is a holding objection until the boundary treatments are updated to allow for hedgehog passage.**
- **Condition 27 (landscape management plan) ONLY** - This has been submitted as part of discharge of conditions application: 26/00208/DISCON, there are holding objections, of which comments there can be found as part of this application.

IN THE CASE OF DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS ONLY:

(Please confirm which condition(s) is/are being discharged)

- Condition 26 (scheme of hard & soft landscaping) ONLY. Holding objection
- Condition 27 (landscape management plan) ONLY. Holding objection.

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.

