

**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>	25/00913/FUL	
<b>ADDRESS</b>	Upper Pullins Farm Stoke Lane Higham On The Hill Nuneaton Leicestershire	
<b>DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT</b>	Demolition of existing building and erection of a single C3 self-build dwelling	
<b>PLANNING CASE OFFICER</b>	Sullivan Archer	
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	Ecology	
<b>PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER</b>	Richard Kelly	
<b>DATE OF COMMENTS</b>	28 November 2025	
<b>ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application Form</li> <li>• Site Location Plan</li> <li>• Block Plan</li> <li>• Proposed Elevations</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>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In accordance with previous ecological advice given, Applications: 23/00705/FUL and 24/00087/FUL the site is of low ecological value and therefore no ecology survey is required.</li> <li>• The existing barn and surrounding vegetation may be of suitability for nesting birds.</li> <li>• It is recommended that any vegetation clearance or demolition takes place outside of the bird nesting season which runs from March to August inclusive. If this is not possible then a nesting bird check will be required, no later than 24 hours prior to removal by a suitably qualified ecologist. <b>Please see recommended Informatives.</b></li> <li>• <b>Biodiversity Enhancements</b> – There is a requirement for net biodiversity gain in accordance with the NPPF (2024) and no net loss of biodiversity NERC Act (2006). Any landscaping scheme should include native trees and shrubs of local provenance and a range of plants to encourage pollinating insects as listed in the RHS Plants for pollinators.</li> </ul>		

In addition, 1 x bird box and 1 x integrated bat box is recommended to installed within the new dwelling. **Please see recommended Conditions.**

**BNG Specific**

- This is a self-build and custom build development therefore mandatory BNG does not apply.

**ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:**

- **Landscape Enhancement Plan** - No development shall take place until a biodiversity enhancement plan has been submitted to and approved in writing by the LPA. Enhancements shall include (but is not limited to) at least one integrated bat box and one integrated bird box with the makes/models and their locations. The biodiversity enhancement scheme shall include planting of hedgerows and trees of native species of local provenance and species to attract pollinating insects as identified in the RHS' 'Plants for Pollinators' database. Hedgerow mixes should include: 80% hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*), plus any one or more of the following: field maple (*Acer campestre*), dogwood (*Cornus sanguinea*), dog rose (*Rosa canina*) and holly (*Ilex aquifolium*). Any enhancement measures need to be shown on all relevant submitted plans. All works are to proceed strictly in accordance with the approved scheme.

**ANY RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:**

- **Nesting Birds** - Nesting birds are protected under the Wildlife & 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.

**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)

<p>Various International, European and National laws in relation to the protection of species and habitats</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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