

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

COUNTY, DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
APPLICATION NUMBER	26/00314/REM
ADDRESS	Land South Of Pumping Station Aston Flamville Road Burbage Leicestershire
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Approval of reserved matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) of outline planning permission 23/00673/OUT for 105 dwellings (northern parcel)
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Matt Jedruch
DEPARTMENT	Ecology
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Michael McCoy
DATE OF COMMENTS	24 September 2026
ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:	
• BNG Metric 4.0 (FPCR, Aug 2026) • Biodiversity Net Gain Strategy (FPCR, Aug 2026) • site landscaping Drw No EMXXX-LS-001a (Bloor Homes, Aug 2026) • site landscaping Drw No EMXXX-LS-002a (Bloor Homes, Aug 2026) • site landscaping Drw No EMXXX-LS-003a (Bloor Homes, Aug 2026) • site landscaping Drw No EMXXX-LS-004a (Bloor Homes, Aug 2026)	
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	
No comment	
No objection (for recommended conditions or informatives- see below)	
Recommend Refusal	
Holding Objection - Further information required	✓
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:	
• We have reviewed the above documents and require further information. • BNG metric needs to be the statutory metric as per the wording of condition 15 – “<i>The BNGS shall use the Biodiversity Metric 4.0 Calculation Tool unless an amended statutory Biodiversity Metric Calculator associated with the Environment Act 2021 becomes mandatory</i>”. • Further information needed on off-site as per wording of condition 15 – how much will the on-site and off-site for this phase of the development (northern parcel) contribute to the overall net gain?	

We also need to see the Project Implementation Plan (PIP) for this phase to ensure that on-site enhancements will be achievable.
ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:
N/A
ANY RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:
N/A
IN THE CASE OF DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS ONLY: (Please confirm which condition(s) is/are being discharged)
N/A

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.

