

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

COUNTY, DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
APPLICATION NUMBER	25/01101/FUL
ADDRESS	Land Rear Of 5 - 15 The Coppice Burbage Leicestershire
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Erection of a custom build bungalow and detached garage
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Ashleigh Gade
DEPARTMENT	Ecology
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Michael McCoy
DATE OF COMMENTS	24 September 2026
ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:	
• Current BNG Metric (Ecology Solutions, Jul 2026) • Original BNG Metric (Ecology Solutions, Jul 2026) • BNG Graphics (Ecology Solutions, Jul 2026)	
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	
No comment	
No objection (for recommended conditions or informatives- see below)	
Recommend Refusal	
Holding Objection - Further information required	✓
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:	
• 2.0 Metric is now available. • UKHabs baseline and post-development maps now provided. • The off-site information has been included in both statutory and 2.0 metrics which is acceptable. This will need to be secured. • Proposed map has now removed other neutral grassland from the rear garden of the new custom build which is acceptable. • However, as per the previous comments: <i>“the lowland meadows is proposed to be enhanced from other neutral, however, aerials show that this grassland has already been cleared and is now hardstanding, making it even more difficult to achieve lowland</i>	

<i>meadow</i>". While this has been corrected for the custom build area, there are large areas of the overall development which have also been cleared when this is to be proposed as other neutral grassland enhanced to lowland meadows. • The post-development map and metric also do not match as metric states that the large area of bramble scrub will be enhanced to wet woodland, however, the map shows it as lowland meadows. The map also includes areas of bramble scrub even though the metric states that there will also be mixed scrub. – please can this be consistent. • We also need to see the updated BNG letter as the values have changed from the previous report.
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.
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