

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

COUNTY, DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
APPLICATION NUMBER	26/00590/DISCON
ADDRESS	Field Maple House 34 Lindridge Lane Desford Leicester
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Application to discharge conditions 3(CEMP: Biodiversity), 5 (Badger Survey), 6 (HMMP), 7 (Foul and surface water drainage), 11 (Landscaping), 12 (Wintertree Software Inc.), 13 (EV Charging) , 14 (CTMP) and 15 (Waste) from planning permission 25/01125/FUL
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Joseph Fleetwood HBBC
DEPARTMENT	Ecology
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Michael McCoy
DATE OF COMMENTS	28 July 2026
ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:	
• C3 CEMP: Biodiversity (Alca Ecology, Apr 2026) • C6 Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan (Alca Ecology, Apr 2026) • C11, C13 & C15 Site Layout 25.330.02B (R3Design Development Ltd, Nov 2025)	
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. • The HMMP should be discharged alongside the Biodiversity Gain Plan as they are directly linked. Please can the biodiversity gain Plan be provided along with the updated BNG metric which should also include off-site units as well with proof of purchase and Biodiversity gain site register number(s). The updated metric should show 10% has been achieved. • Please ensure strategic significance is reviewed to see if the site is within the Local Nature Recovery Strategy mapped areas and whether any of the habitats proposed meets the targeted habitat required for these areas. • The baseline and post-development maps should also be submitted.	

• The biodiversity gain plan is also linked to condition 11 as this should be the finalised layout plan. • While condition 5 (Badger Survey) is being discharged, the updated badger survey has not been provided. Please can we have the badger survey report for review please. • The CEMP is acceptable. • In the HMMP, it should state how the significant habitat enhancements will be secured – either through condition or S106 agreement. Monitoring years should also include year 15. The report should also include details of remedial measures to be taken if habitats fail to establish/reach targeted condition. • We have no comment regarding discharge of conditions 7 (Foul and surface water drainage), 12 (Wintertree Software Inc.), 13 (EV Charging) , 14 (CTMP) and 15 (Waste).
IN THE CASE OF DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS ONLY: (Please confirm which condition(s) is/are being discharged)
• Discharge of condition 3 (CEMP: Biodiversity) • Further information needed before discharge of conditions 5 (Badger Survey), 6 (HMMP) & 11 (Landscaping) • We have no comment regarding discharge of conditions 7 (Foul and surface water drainage), 12 (Wintertree Software Inc.), 13 (EV Charging) , 14 (CTMP) and 15 (Waste).

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.

