

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

COUNTY, DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council	
APPLICATION NUMBER	25/00897/FUL	
ADDRESS	Village Hall Hall Drive Stoke Golding Nuneaton Leicestershire	
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Proposed Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)	
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Gwion Russell	
DEPARTMENT	Ecology	
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Richard Kelly	
DATE OF COMMENTS	21 October 2025	
ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:		
• Application Form • Site Location Plan • Existing Site Plan: 25/59 • Proposed Site Plan, Fence Elevations, Drg No. 25/59 01 Rev A • Technical Note (Croft Ecology, September 2025) • Condition Assessment Sheets • BNG Metric (September 2025)		
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:		
No comment		
No objection (for recommended conditions or informatives- see below)		✓
Recommend Refusal		
Holding Objection - Further information required		
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:		
• A Technical Note completed by Croft Ecology has been submitted with the application which is accepted and outlined below. • Habitats – The application site consists of modified grassland and developed land. • Protected Species – It is accepted that the site has limited ecological value however, there is a GCN positive pond within 130m of the application site and several more GCN positive ponds in the area. The site does not have suitable GCN terrestrial habitat present and the connective habitat between the application site and pond is considered poor. However, a		

working method statement will be required to ensure no GCN are harmed during construction. Please see recommended Conditions. BNG Specific - Statutory Biodiversity Net Gain is achievable on-site with +29.81% in Habitat Units. - The proposed planting of 4 trees does count as significant according to the definitions, however monitoring 4 trees for 30 years is disproportionate to the application. Therefore, does not require securing or production of a HMMP. A Biodiversity Gain Plan will need to be secured by condition.	
ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:	
Non-licensed Method Statement – Prior to commencement a Non-Licensed Method Statement (NLMS) for Great Crested Newts, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Thereafter the development must be carried out in accordance with the approved NLMS.	
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	
BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG) SECTION	
HAVE MINIMUM NATIONAL INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS BEEN PROVIDED (PPG paragraph 11):	
Confirmation that development is subject to statutory biodiversity gain condition	Y
Pre-development Habitat Plan of existing onsite habitat (to scale)	Y
Pre-development Habitat Value (on date of application or earlier)	Y
Completed Metric Calculation Tool	Y
Statement of Habitat Degradation where present (with dates and details)	N/A
Reason for proposing an earlier date if applicable (ie. degradation)	N/A
Description of Irreplaceable Habitat where present	N/A
SMALL SITES METRIC ONLY: "Competent person" information (ie. qualifications, skills, experience)	N/A
BNG METRIC INFORMATION missing or incorrect:	
Incomplete or incorrect cells are shown in metric (eg. habitat quantity, type or condition, strategic significance)	N
ON-SITE AND OFF-SITE PROPOSALS PRESENT:	
These should be secured and monitored for 30 years	
Applicant-owned <u>significant onsite</u> BNG is proposed	Y
Off-site BNG is proposed (eg. BNG units provided to achieve 10% BNG uplift either on applicant-owned land, purchased units or statutory credits)	N
PLEASE NOTE: this is indicative only , confirmed at Biodiversity Gain Plan condition stage	
TYPE OF SIGNIFICANT ON-SITE HABITAT PROPOSED: (using the current government definition ¹)	

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/make-on-site-biodiversity-gains-as-a-developer#significant-on-site-enhancements>

Medium or High Distinctiveness	Y
Large number of units at Low Distinctiveness	N
Significant increase in Distinctiveness, Condition or Area	Y

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.

