

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

COUNTY, DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
APPLICATION NUMBER	24/00867/HOU
ADDRESS	142 Hinckley Road Burbage Hinckley Leicestershire LE10 2AH
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Two storey rear extension with balcony to first floor, single storey front and rear extension and associated works
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Richard Wright
DEPARTMENT	Ecology
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Jemma Bett
DATE OF COMMENTS	27 August 2025
ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:	
• Proposed Plans- Dwg No. 003 C • Bat and Emergence Survey - Arbtech (July 2025) • Preliminary Roost Assessment - Arbtech (January 2025)	
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	
No comment	
No objection (for recommended conditions or informatives- see below)	
Recommend Refusal	
Holding Objection - Further information required	✓
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:	
• The revised plans have been viewed and show a minor increase in the size of the rear extension. The ecology surveys by Arbtech have been viewed and it is understood that three emergence surveys were conducted. • A common pipistrelle was recorded to be usage a day roost on the eastern elevation of the building. Therefore, it is agreed to undertake any modification of the existing dwelling a Bat Licence from Natural England is required to proceed with the development lawfully. If it is a Bat Low Impact Licence (BLICL) that is required, you must note this type of licence cannot be applied to maternity roosts. • Recommended mitigation methods have been stated within the Conclusions, Impacts and Recommendations Section of the report. This includes the installation of bat boxes prior to the works commencing for any bats found during the works and enhancements in the form of bat boxes integrated into the new build.	

• Additionally, the site is located within a 'Swift Alert' zone as it is within 250m of recorded nest sites. Swifts are a declining species, and a priority species in our Local Biodiversity Action Plan, therefore ecological enhancements in the form of swift boxes should be installed on the proposed extension. These should be integrated into the building where possible, located at least 5m above the ground, in a shaded area, and with a clear approach. • Therefore, we require the location of all the bat boxes and a swift nesting box to be shown on all relevant submitted elevation plans, including their make/model. • We have a holding objection until this is supplied.	
ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:	
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ANY RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:	
• As advised in the report, a Bat Licence from Natural England is required to proceed with the development lawfully.	
IN THE CASE OF DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS ONLY:	
(Please confirm which condition(s) is/are being discharged)	
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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/N
Pre-development Habitat Plan of existing onsite habitat (to scale)	Y/N
Pre-development Habitat Value (on date of application or earlier)	Y/N
Completed Metric Calculation Tool	Y/N
Statement of Habitat Degradation where present (with dates and details)	Y/N
Reason for proposing an earlier date if applicable (ie. degradation)	Y/N
Description of Irreplaceable Habitat where present	Y/N
<u>SMALL SITES METRIC ONLY:</u> "Competent person" information (ie. qualifications, skills, experience)	Y/N
BNG METRIC INFORMATION missing or incorrect:	
Incomplete or incorrect cells are shown in metric (eg. habitat quantity, type or condition, strategic significance)	Y/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/N
Off-site BNG is proposed (eg. BNG units provided to achieve 10% BNG uplift either on applicant-owned land, purchased units or statutory credits)	Y/N
<u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> this is indicative only , confirmed at Biodiversity Gain Plan condition stage	
TYPE OF <u>SIGNIFICANT ON-SITE</u> HABITAT PROPOSED: (using the current government definition ¹)	
Medium or High Distinctiveness	Y/N
Large number of units at Low Distinctiveness	Y/N
Significant increase in Distinctiveness, Condition or Area	Y/N

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

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.

