

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council
APPLICATION NUMBER	24/00969/FUL
ADDRESS	Caterpillar UK Ltd Peckleton Lane Desford Leicester Leicestershire
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Reconfiguration and expansion of existing staff car park including new cycle and motorcycle stores and solar pv canopies.
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Joe Fleetwood
DEPARTMENT	Ecology
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Kirsten Hunter
DATE OF COMMENTS	9 th January 2025
SUMMARY RESPONSE:	
No comment	
No objection	✓
Recommend Refusal	
Holding Objection - Further information required	
Condition recommended	✓
Informative recommended	
SUMMARY OF ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED:	
- Biodiversity Net Gain Report SQ-2349; - The Statutory Biodiversity metric Cat Site 002; and - BNG Metric (excel version) supplied via email.	
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION PROVIDED:	
- Previously issued comments on 18th November 2024 requested a working BNG excel spreadsheet for review and evidence of how BNG loss would be compensation (e.g. offsite compensation or purchase of habitat bank credits. - Detailed information on offsetting including baseline habitats have been provided and this information has been evidenced in the metric. Note: location chosen for BNG compensation should be registered as offsite. - As per previous comments, recommendations should be carried out as per the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal report to best practise guidance including suitable lighting scheme for bats as indicated in Section 6.3.2.3 which can be conditioned and Biodiversity Enhancement Management Plan (BEMP) is recommended for the proposed Biodiversity Enhancements detailed in Section 7 of the PEA – this can be conditioned.	

After determination and prior to commencement of works, a Biodiversity Gain Plan must be submitted based on the finalised scheme, detailing how net gain will be achieved and secured for a period of 30 years, for both onsite and offsite.
BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG) specific comments:
See above.
FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED:
AMENDMENTS RECOMMENDED:
RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:
Biodiversity Enhancement Management Plan (BEMP)
RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:
RECOMMENDED SECTION 106 REQUIREMENT (standard clause, contribution amount, trigger for payment)
DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS ONLY: (Please confirm which condition(s) is/are being discharged)

Note for applicants: Please be aware that this specialist advice is provided to the Local Planning Authority through a Service Level Agreement between the Local Planning Authority and Leicestershire County Council.

If you have any queries about this advice, 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 as part of this service.

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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