

**CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:**

**ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE**

<b>DISTRICT OR BOROUGH</b>	Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council	
<b>APPLICATION NUMBER</b>	25/00060/FUL	
<b>ADDRESS</b>	Electricity Substation Wood Road Nailstone Leicestershire	
<b>DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT</b>	Installation of an electrical substation, transformers, new vehicular access, and associated site infrastructure	
<b>PLANNING CASE OFFICER</b>	Sullivan Archer	
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	Ecology	
<b>PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER</b>	Kirsten Hunter	
<b>DATE OF COMMENTS</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	
<b>SUMMARY RESPONSE:</b>		
<b>No comment</b>		
<b>No objection</b>		✓
<b>Recommend Refusal</b>		
<b>Holding Objection - Further information required</b>		
<b>Condition recommended</b>		
<b>Informative recommended</b>		✓
<b>SUMMARY OF ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ecological Impact Assessment (2646 ECIA VB 2); and</b></li> <li>• <b>BNG Metric</b></li> </ul>		
<b>REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION PROVIDED:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A full working version of the BNG metric has been provided as requested. The BNG metric provides a satisfactory evaluation of baseline habitats and demonstrates a 10% net gain in Biodiversity in achievable onsite, as required by Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (inserted by the Environment Act 2021).</li> <li>• The ecological appraisal has been updated to include the bat roost potential of the tree proposed for removal on site and extend breeding bird precautionary methods of working.</li> <li>• As such, I am satisfied ecological concerns have been addressed for this Site and have no further comments.</li> </ul>		
<b>BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG) ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:</b>		
Is there <b>irreplaceable habitat</b> present?		None specified
Is there <b>habitat degradation</b> present?		None specified

Is there applicant-owned off-site <b>or significant</b> onsite BNG required to be <b>secured and monitored</b> for 30 years?	Not required
If <b>significant</b> habitat is present, please list using the <b>PPG definitions</b> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>	
Are there any <b>remaining BNG units</b> which need to be provided <b>outside</b> of applicant owned land? eg. purchased through the government register as BNG units or statutory credits (PLEASE NOTE: this is <b>indicative only</b> and confirmed at condition discharge stage)	Not required
<b>BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG) BASELINE PRE-DEVELOPMENT VALUE:</b>	
Is further information required before agreement of <b>baseline pre-development value</b> ?	None – suitable baseline value provided
Are there incomplete or incorrect cells in the Statutory Metric?	None - Metric completed
Is there incomplete or incorrect habitat information (quantity, type, condition)?	None - Metric completed
<b>DATE PROVIDED FOR STATUTORY METRIC WHERE THIS HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND AGREED (for decision notice purposes):</b>	
<b>ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:</b>	
<b>ANY RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prior to commencement of works, a Biodiversity Gain Plan must be submitted, along with a Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan (HMMP) detailing how net gain will be achieved and secured for a period of 30 years.</li> </ul>	
<b>IN THE CASE OF DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS ONLY:</b> (Please confirm which condition(s) is/are being discharged)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>	

**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.