

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

COUNTY, DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council	
APPLICATION NUMBER	26/00566/HOU	
ADDRESS	62 St Martins Drive Desford Leicester Leicestershire LE9 9GW	
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Single Storey Rear and Side Extension	
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Gwion Russell	
DEPARTMENT	Ecology	
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Jemma Bett	
DATE OF COMMENTS	23 July 2026	
ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:		
• n/a • Proposed plans - 2026-10-03 • Existing plans - 2026-10-02		
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:		
No comment		
No objection (for recommended conditions or informatives- see below)		✓
Recommend Refusal		
Holding Objection - Further information required		
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:		
• The proposed works consist of a single storey rear and side extension. Sited on the outskirts of Desford with mature trees and hedgerows in the surrounding area providing connectivity to wider agricultural land. • The works will tie into the existing dwelling, nevertheless, a review of aerial imagery suggests that the existing dwelling is in generally good condition. Therefore, it is considered to have limited suitability for protected species. • As such, no ecological surveys are required, and we have no objection to the proposed works. • Given the surrounding habitat context, it is recommended that the below informative is attached to any permission. • The site falls within a Swift Alert area. Nevertheless, the proposed development does not allow suitable opportunities for swift boxes to be incorporated into the development.		
ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:		

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ANY RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:
The property may be suitable for roosting bats, which are protected by law from harm. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that bat legislation is not breached. The applicant should ensure that all contractors and individuals working on the property are aware of this possibility, as works must cease if bats are found during the course of the works whilst advice from a bat ecologist is obtained. Bats are particularly associated with the roof structure of buildings, including lofts, rafters, beams, gables, eaves, soffits, flashing, ridge-tile, chimneys, the under-tile area, etc. but may also be present in crevices in stone or brickwork and in cavity walls.
IN THE CASE OF DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS ONLY:
(Please confirm which condition(s) is/are being discharged)
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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.

