

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council
APPLICATION NUMBER	25/00080/FUL
ADDRESS	Land Adjacent To 29 Elizabeth Road Hinckley Leicestershire
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	New build detached dwelling
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Ashleigh Gade
DEPARTMENT	Ecology
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Kirsten Hunter
DATE OF COMMENTS	3 rd March 2025
SUMMARY RESPONSE:	
No comment	
No objection	
Recommend Refusal	
Holding Objection - Further information required	✓
SUMMARY OF ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED:	
• BNG small sites metric; • Landscape Plan - 182-02; • Landscape Plan - 182-04; • Proposed Habitat Plan - 182-05; • Location and Block Plan - 182-03; and • BNG Cover Letter	
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION PROVIDED:	
• The site photos in the BNG Metric indicates vegetation has been recently stripped from the site. Satellite images indicate there has been degradation of the site as habitat was present previously. The metric records the baseline habitat as 'vegetated garden' however further information on this degradation is requested for review to ensure the assumed baseline appropriately accounts for the lost habitat. • Due to lack of habitat/low value habitat on Site on the site, no ecological constraints are foreseen in relation to the proposed development. • The BNG Note recommends purchase of habitat credits to account for the habitat unit deficit. Indication of how the applicant intends to fulfil their 10% BNG should be provided. • A fully working small sites metric has been provided with all appropriate cells filled in including pre-development habitat value. If offsite compensation is decided upon as a way	

to achieve 10%, applicant should consider using Statutory BNG Metric as the small sites metric does not have an offsite component.	
PROTECTED SPECIES FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED:	
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BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG) FURTHER INFORMATION IS REQUIRED REGARDING:	
Incomplete or incorrect cells in the statutory metric	
Incomplete or incorrect UK Hab or condition assessment information	N/A
Final pre-development habitat value	
How post-development BNG land will be secured for 30 years	X
Description of irreplaceable habitat	
Description of degradation	
BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG) SPECIFIC COMMENTS:	
• See above	
DATE PROVIDED ON STATUTORY METRIC ONCE REVIEWED AND AGREED (for decision notice purposes):	
ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:	
- Biodiversity Net Gain Plan – should provide detail of how 10% BNG will be achieved including details on offsite BNG compensation, habitat credit provider, BNG Site Register reference number for purchased units or use of statutory biodiversity credits (proof of purchase and reference number). - Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan – once offsite has been secured. - How post-development BNG land will be secured for 30 years.	
ANY RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:	
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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 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.