

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
APPLICATION NUMBER	24/00099/HOU
ADDRESS	1 Church Field Congerstone Nuneaton Leicestershire CV13 6NA
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Two storey rear extension and single storey front extension
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Joseph Fleetwood HBBC
DEPARTMENT	ECOLOGY
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Dale Devereaux
DATE OF COMMENTS	19/03/2024
SUMMARY RESPONSE:	
No comment	
No objection	
Refusal	
Further information required	✓
Condition recommended	
Informative recommended	
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION PROVIDED:	
- The Preliminary Roost Assessment, carried out by Chase ecological consultancy in February 2024, is acceptable. - The report identifies the building as having 'low' roosting potential for bats and, in line with best practice guidelines, recommended one activity survey.	
BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG) specific comments:	
N/A	
FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED:	
- A single bat activity survey will need to be carried out between May and August in line with best practice guidelines. - Please note that ODPM Regulations require protected species surveys to be submitted prior to determination of a planning application. It is also essential that the extent that they may be affected by the proposed development is established before the planning permission is granted. Reference: Paragraph 99 of ODPM Circular 06/2005 (Biodiversity	

and Geological Conservation – Statutory Obligations and their Impact within the Planning System). • Therefore, the application may need to be delayed or withdrawn until such time that the surveys are complete. • If bats are identified to be roosting in the building, further ‘roost classification’ surveys may be required prior to determination, and a European protected Species Licence obtained prior to works commencing.
AMENDMENTS RECOMMENDED:
• N/A
DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:
LCC Ecology has reviewed (to be deleted as appropriate): • Aerial photography • Species and habitat data • Applicant submitted information: Preliminary Roost Assessment
RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:
• N/A
RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:
• N/A
RECOMMENDED SECTION 106 REQUIREMENT (standard clause, contribution amount, trigger for payment)
• N/A
DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS ONLY:
(Please confirm which condition(s) is/are being discharged)
• N/A

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
NPPF Dec 2023	Paras 8, 180, 181, 185, 186, 187, 188
Environment Act 2021	Mandatory Net Gain Biodiversity Duty Local Nature Recovery Strategy
District or Borough Local Plan and supporting SPD's	Local Plan policy reference:
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.