

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
APPLICATION NUMBER	24/00426/FUL
ADDRESS	Land Adjacent To 34 Mill Hill Road Hinckley Leicestershire LE10 0AX
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Erection of one dwelling with car parking.
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	David Spring
DEPARTMENT	
	Ecology
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	
	Dale Devereaux
DATE OF COMMENTS	
	30/05/24
SUMMARY RESPONSE:	
No comment	
No objection	
Recommend Refusal	
Holding Objection - Further information required	☒
Condition recommended	
Informative recommended	
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION PROVIDED:	
• The site is in an urban location in the centre of Hinckley, with limited habitat connectivity. • The site is currently vacant with what appears to be tall ruderal vegetation and bramble scrub covering the proposed building area. The parking area appears to be gravel with scattered ruderal vegetation. • As such, the likelihood of protected or priority species being present is low, and no surveys are required. • The application requires a statutory biodiversity net gain assessment. Due to the size of the site and the lack of protected species, use of the small sites metric is acceptable. • I have a holding objection pending this information.	
BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG) specific comments:	
• A completed statutory small sites metric should be submitted in excel format. • The metric should be supported by suitable photographs and a pre-development plan of on-site habitats. • All retained, created, and enhanced habitat should be detailed on relevant plans.	

FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED:
• N/A
AMENDMENTS RECOMMENDED:
• N/A
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.