

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Refusal of Planning Permission

Name and Address of Applicant

Mr Richard Harrison And Mr Robert Finch
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Barlestone
CV13 0JL

Name and Address of Agent (if any)

Part I - Particulars of Application

Date of Application	Application No.
5 September 2025	25/00830/OUT

Particulars and location of development:

Outline planning permission for the change of use of agricultural land to commercial uses (Use Classes B2, B8 and E) and the provision of 19 commercial units (All Matters Reserved)

Land West Of Leicester Road Earl Shilton Leicestershire

Part II - Particulars of decision

In dealing with the application, through ongoing dialogue and the proper consideration of the proposal in accordance with Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, the local planning authority have attempted to work with the applicant in a positive and proactive manner by offering a pre-application advice service and by seeking solutions to problems arising in relation to dealing with the planning application as required by the National Planning Policy Framework (paragraph 38) and in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended). However, in this instance, it has not been possible to overcome the concerns raised and the proposal remains in conflict with the provisions of the Development Plan and therefore the application has been refused.

In pursuance of its powers under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council refuses to permit the carrying out of the development referred to in Part I hereof for the following reason(s):-

1. The development would represent speculative commercial and industrial development in the designated open countryside. By virtue of the proposed size and capacity of the proposed development, the scheme would result in the significant overdevelopment of the site in principle. The proposal would therefore cause significant and permanent adverse impacts to the character of the surrounding area and the intrinsic value, beauty, open character, and landscape character of the designated countryside, including the Earl Shilton North and Barwell West Landscape Sensitivity Area and the Stoke Golding Rolling Farmland Landscape Character Area. The significant harm of the development would be exacerbated through the character of the area's high sensitivity to commercial development, and the visual prominence of the application site from Leicester Road, Shilton Road, and Public Rights of Way T92, T72, T94, and T96. As a result, the scheme would not be well designed and would fail to reflect local design policies and government guidance on design as a matter of principle.

Given the above, the development would be contrary to, and in conflict with, Policies DM4, DM10 and DM20 of the adopted Site Allocations and Development Management Policies Development Plan Document (2016), Chapters 11, 12, and 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2024), including Paragraphs 129, 131, and 135, and the National Design Guide (2019). These significant adverse impacts would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the potential developments of the scheme in these site-specific circumstances. In accordance with Paragraph 139 of the National Planning Policy Framework, the development is refused.

IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ THE NOTES AT THE END OF THIS DOCUMENT

NOTES TO APPLICANT :-

1. The application has been determined in accordance with the following details, submitted to the Local Planning Authority on 21 October 2025:

- BNG Conditions Assessment (July 2025) (submitted: 03.12.2025)
- BNG Metric (2582) (submitted: 03.12.2025)
- Covering Letter to Application (submitted: 05.09.2025)
- Elevations (submitted: 09.09.2025)
- Landscape Strategy, Drg No. 25.1749.001 (submitted: 05.09.2025)
- Minerals Assessment (0401) (submitted: 27.10.2025)
- Planning Statement (submitted: 05.09.2025)
- Photo (submitted: 05.09.2025)
- Proposed Indicative Layout (submitted: 24.02.2026)
- Protected Species Survey (2852) (submitted: 03.12.2025)
- Site Location Plan (submitted: 09.09.2025)
- Additional emails and information submitted during the course of the application including the latest "Revised Sequential Test" email (submitted: 04.03.2026)

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Christopher Brown MRTPI
Head of Planning

Date :13 March 2026

NOTES

1. It will be most helpful if the application number shown overleaf is quoted on all correspondence.
2. If you consider that this decision has been made invalidly through the Council failing to follow a procedure correctly, not having the legal power to make the decision in the way it did or through its decision being so unreasonable as no reasonable local authority would make the same decision based on the same facts, then you may enter a claim for judicial review to quash the decision. In order to proceed with a claim for judicial review an initial application for permission will need to be made to the Administrative Court, this application is required to be made "promptly and in any event within six weeks of the decision". The initial permission application will decide if you have an arguable case, whether you are sufficiently materially affected by the decision to bring the claim. If you are granted permission to bring the claim it will proceed to a full hearing at the Administrative Court. Although there is no requirement for you to do so it is highly recommended that you seek independent legal advice before bringing forward a claim for Judicial Review
3. If you are aggrieved by the decision of the Local Planning Authority to refuse permission you may appeal to the Planning Inspectorate in accordance with Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 within six months of the date of this notice. If your appeal is against a Minor Commercial Development, we would advise you to view the guidance on the Planning Portal website under Procedure Guidance, to confirm the time frame for appealing. (Appeals must be made on a form which is obtainable from the Planning Inspectorate, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN, tel. 0303 444 5000 or online at <https://www.gov.uk/appeal-planning-decision>). You must use a Planning Appeal Form when making your appeal. If requesting forms from the Planning Inspectorate, please state the appeal form you require. The Secretary of State has power to allow a longer period for the giving of a notice of appeal but he will not normally be prepared to exercise this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal. The Secretary of State is not required to entertain an appeal if it appears to him that permission for the proposed development could not have been granted by the Local Planning Authority, (or could not have been so granted otherwise than subject to the conditions imposed by them,) having regard to the statutory requirements as set out in Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, to the provisions of the development order, and to any directions given under the order. He does not in practice refuse to entertain appeals solely because the decision of the Local Planning Authority was based on a direction given by him. Appeals- new time rules. Appeals relating to applications made to the Local Planning Authority on, or after, 14 October 2004 must be made within six months of the date of this notice. If you intend to submit an appeal that you would like examined by inquiry then you must notify your Local Planning Authority (planning@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk) and the Planning Inspectorate (inquiryappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) at least 10 days before submitting the appeal. Further details can be found on GOV.UK.
4. If an enforcement notice is served relating to the same or substantially the same land and development as in your application and if you want to appeal against your local planning authority's decision on your application then, you must do so in accordance with the guidance found using the following link <https://www.gov.uk/appeal-enforcement-notice/>.
5. If permission to develop land is refused whether by the Local Planning Authority or by the Secretary of State for the Environment and the owner of the land claims that the land has become incapable of reasonably beneficial use in its existing state and cannot be rendered capable of reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted, he may serve on the Council a purchase notice requiring that Council to purchase his interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
6. In certain circumstances, a claim may be made against the Local Planning Authority for compensation, where permission is refused. The circumstances in which such compensation is payable are set out in Section 114 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

RNOTES (02/07/2014)