

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

COUNTY, DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
APPLICATION NUMBER	26/00492/HOU
ADDRESS	Kirkfield 34 Main Street Carlton Nuneaton Leicestershire CV13 0EZ
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Proposed single storey rear extension
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Jack Playle
DEPARTMENT	Ecology
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Jemma Bett
DATE OF COMMENTS	28 August 2026
ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:	
Badger Survey Report – Eco 360 (August 2026)	
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	
No comment	
No objection (for recommended conditions or informatives- see below)	✓
Recommend Refusal	
Holding Objection - Further information required	
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:	
- The Badger Survey Report (August 2026) has been reviewed and concludes that the proposed development is likely to have a negligible impact on badgers, as no evidence of badger activity was identified on site. Should site conditions change, or evidence of badgers be found during the works, works should cease and advice should be sought from a suitably qualified ecologist. - Enhancements: In line with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), the application is required to demonstrate measurable biodiversity gains. This can be achieved through the installation of bat and bird boxes. - Opportunities for biodiversity enhancement are available through the use of trees within the site, if of a suitable height. Suitable enhancements include, but are not limited to, the installation of at least one woodcrete bat box and one bird box on trees within the site. The bat box should be positioned at least 4 metres above ground level and the bird box at least 2 metres above ground level. - We have no objection.	
ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:	

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ANY RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:
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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.

