

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

COUNTY, DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
APPLICATION NUMBER	26/00516/HOU
ADDRESS	40 Barton Road Market Bosworth Nuneaton Leicestershire CV13 0LQ
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension, first floor extension to create an additional storey and the erection of a double garage
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Gwion Russell
DEPARTMENT	Ecology
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Michael McCoy
DATE OF COMMENTS	25 August 2026
ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:	
N/A	
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	
No comment	
No objection (for recommended conditions or informatives- see below)	
Recommend Refusal	
Holding Objection - Further information required	✓
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:	
- We have reviewed 'Proposed Floor Plan & Elevations - Drg No. 26/13/03 (Hillcoat, Apr 2026), Site Plan and garage elevations- Drg 26/13/01 (Hillcoat, Apr 2026). - As the proposals involve impacting the roof structure and brickwork, a preliminary roost assessment (PRA) of the building, and any other on-site building and structures, is required. There is also likely to be trees removed/pruned where the proposed 'garage' is located. As such, a ground-level tree assessment (GLTA) will need to be undertaken of any trees to be removed/pruned/impacted by lighting from the proposals. The PRA and GLTA will be undertaken by a suitably licenced ecologist and in accordance with the latest Bat Conservation Trust Good Practice Guidelines. Depending on the results of the bat survey work, further survey(s) may be required. - The site is located within proximity of a number of ponds which have potential to support Great Crested Newt (GCN). Therefore, a specific assessment of the site and ponds' suitability to support GCN is required.	

- On-site habitats also have the potential to support other protected and Priority Species, including but not limited to Badger, reptiles and nesting birds. Therefore, additional appropriate surveys will need to be undertaken to determine whether such species are present and impact from proposals. - All survey work must be undertaken by a suitably qualified ecologist holding the appropriate licences where relevant and undertaken at the appropriate time of year. - An accompanying ecology report(s) will need to be submitted detailing the results of the ecology survey work and background desktop study, with appropriate mitigation included in accordance with the mitigation hierarchy. The report(s) will include relevant supporting information including plan(s) and photos.
ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:
N/A
ANY RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:
N/A
IN THE CASE OF DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS ONLY: (Please confirm which condition(s) is/are being discharged)
N/A

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.

