

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

COUNTY, DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council	
APPLICATION NUMBER	26/00636/FUL	
ADDRESS	Erection of a single storey self-build dwelling	
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Land Rear Of 30 Barton Road Barlestone Leicestershire	
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Joseph Fleetwood HBBC	
DEPARTMENT	Ecology	
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Jemma Bett	
DATE OF COMMENTS	25 August 2026	
ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:		
• n/a • 2503-PA-0001_Site location & Block plan • 2503-PA-0010_Existing plans • 2503-PA-0011_Existing elevations • 2503-PA-0012_Existing sections • 2503-PA-0020_Proposed plans • 2503-PA-0021_Proposed elevations • 2503-PA-0022_Proposed sections		
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:		
No comment		
No objection (for recommended conditions or informatives- see below)		✓
Recommend Refusal		
Holding Objection - Further information required		
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:		
• The proposed works consist of a single-story dwelling sited within an urbanised area. • There are existing buildings on the proposed site, including a shed and two felt-roofed garages. The current structures do not appear to contain a separate roof void, and proposed works are sited on what appears to be entirely hard standing. Therefore, it is considered to have limited suitability for protected species. • As such, the proposed changes are likely to have minimal impact on ecology and no ecological surveys are required. • Enhancements: In line with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), the application must deliver measurable biodiversity gains, for example through the provision		

of bird nesting features. Integrated or woodcrete bird boxes should be installed at least 2 m above ground level and close to the eaves, in a shaded area, and with a clear approach. Details of ecological enhancements, including their type (make/model) and location, should be clearly shown on an elevation plan prior to determination or alternatively the following condition applied.
ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:
No development shall take place until a biodiversity enhancement scheme has been submitted to and approved in writing by the LPA. Enhancements shall include (but is not limited to) at least one woodcrete/integrated bird box, the make/model and their locations. Any enhancement measures need to be shown on all relevant submitted plans. All works are to proceed strictly in accordance with the approved scheme.
ANY RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:
All new planting should be composed of native species of local provenance and species to attract pollinating insects as identified in the RHS' 'Plants for Pollinators' database.
IN THE CASE OF DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS ONLY:
(Please confirm which condition(s) is/are being discharged)

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	International and national site protection: Ramsar sites (from Ramsar Convention), Habitat and Birds Directives (Natura 2000 sites include

the protection of species and habitats	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.
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