

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
APPLICATION NUMBER	24/00188/FUL
ADDRESS	2 Merrylees Road Thornton Coalville Leicestershire LE67 1AN
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Erection of a five bedroom detached dwelling
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Sullevan Archer
DEPARTMENT	ECOLOGY
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Dale Devereaux
DATE OF COMMENTS	11/03/2024
SUMMARY RESPONSE:	
No comment	
No objection	
Refusal	
Further information required	
Condition recommended	☒
Informative recommended	
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION PROVIDED:	
- The proposed development takes place entirely within the existing garden, therefore no ecology surveys will be required. - There is an ornamental pond that will be removed as part of the application, however there is a lack of nearby Great Crested Newts (GCN) records, and the ornamental pond is of poor suitability for GCN. As such, surveys would not be proportionate. - Three trees/shrubs are proposed to be removed, including one hawthorn with a bird box on the trunk. In order for the proposed development to demonstrate measurable biodiversity net gain as required by the NPPF, integrated bird and bat boxes should be included in the new building. One bat box on the south-eastern gable end, and two bird boxes (Or a single sparrow terrace with at least two entrances) on the north-western gable end would be appropriate. - Therefore, the below Condition should be attached to any permission.	

BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG) specific comments:
N/A
FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED:
N/A
AMENDMENTS RECOMMENDED:
N/A
DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:
LCC Ecology has reviewed (to be deleted as appropriate): - Aerial photography - Species and habitat data - Applicant submitted information: Site Photos, Existing and Proposed Site Elevations, Site Location Plan, Proposed Layouts
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 are not limited to) at least one integrated bat box and two integrated bird boxes, 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.
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.