

Site Name	9 Stafford Street Barwell Leicester Leicestershire LE9 8HF	Advice Request	Ecology
Planning Ref	24/00068/FUL	Response Deadline	23 rd February 2024
Planning Officer	Emma Baumber	Completed By	Dean LeFeuvre
Date of Request	2 nd February 2024	Date of Issue	9 th February 2024

Stance: No objections.

Dear Emma,

I am writing in respect of ecological matters for the above application advice request regarding the proposed 2.5 storey apartment blocks containing 14 no apartments with associated parking and landscaping.

- **Site Location, Block Plan, Drg No. 23 002 0300, Proposed Site Plan, Drg No. 23 002 0301 and Topographical Plan, Drg No. 23 002 0306.**

I have also consulted Leicestershire and Rutland Environmental Records Centre (LRERC) for existing protected species data and designated sites within the locality, which may incur potential impacts depending on the proposals. This identified that the site falls within a 'Swift Alert Area' requiring all new developments to provide opportunities for enhancements towards this species. There are also records of swifts immediately adjacent.

No ecological appraisal or assessment has been submitted as part of this application. However, given that the site is entirely surrounded by urban development and consists of existing hardstanding with habitats limited to self-set scrub I do not deem it necessary to provide one on this occasion. Instead, precautionary measures should be taken in relation to vegetation clearance on site and a standard advice note relating to breeding birds should be attached to any approved scheme. All replacement landscaping should be of native tree species and seed mixes.

There should also be biodiversity enhancements provided for swifts within the proposed scheme through integrated a minimum of 3no. boxes/bricks for each structure, this can form a planning condition with details of appropriate measures illustrated on a plan or drawing submitted to the LPA for approval and discharge. I have attached a technical advice note to aid in the provisions of this.

I have no holding objections pending the above is implemented and complied with.

Yours sincerely,



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On behalf of Leicestershire County Council (Ecology Team)



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