CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

COUNTY, DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
APPLICATION NUMBER	25/01233/FUL
ADDRESS	Britannia Recreation Ground Britannia Road Burbage Hinckley Leicestershire LE10 2HF
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Creation of a 3G Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP) with perimeter fencing, hardstanding areas, storage container, floodlights, acoustic fence, Huddle unit and overflow, Grasscrete parking area
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Joseph Fleetwood HBBC
DEPARTMENT	Ecology
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Michael McCoy
DATE OF COMMENTS	29 October 2026

ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:

- **Appendix N - Statutory BNG Metric – in excel format (BJ Collins, Dec 2025)**
- **Floodlighting Scheme Drg No. 06 Rev 02 (SSL, Oct 2026)**
- **Appendix A - Floodlighting Performance Report (SSL, Oct 2026)**
- **Appendix C - Sports Lighting Statement (SSL, Oct 2026)**

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 the above documents and find this acceptable.
- The metric baseline matches the BNG report which is acceptable.
- The lighting scheme now shows that neither hedgerow will be exposed to light spillage higher than 1Lux which is acceptable.
- Please note at the statutory biodiversity gain plan stage we will need to see how 10% is achieved overall with the off-site habitat information included in the metric (including the biodiversity register number if a habitat bank is used or proof of purchase if biodiversity credits are used).

ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:
• The development hereby approved shall be implemented in strict accordance with the measures stated in section 5 of the Preliminary ecological appraisal (extended) report (BJ Collins, Dec 2025). • The development hereby approved shall be implemented in strict accordance with the measures stated in Floodlighting Scheme Drg No. 06 Rev 02 (SSL, Oct 2026)
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

PRE-DEVELOPMENT HABITAT BASELINE FOR BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG)	
THIS IS THE MINIMUM NATIONAL ESSENTIAL INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS (PPG paragraph 11) AND MUST BE SATISFIED PRIOR TO DETERMINATION:	
Confirmation that development is subject to statutory biodiversity gain condition	Y
Pre-development Habitat Plan of existing onsite habitat (to scale)	Y
Pre-development Habitat Value (on date of application or earlier)	Y
Completed **Metric Calculation Tool**	Y
Statement of **Habitat Degradation** where present (with dates and details)	N/A
Reason for proposing an earlier date if applicable (ie. degradation)	N/A
Description of **Irreplaceable Habitat** where present	N/A
SMALL SITES METRIC ONLY: "Competent person" information (ie. qualifications, skills, experience)	N/A
BNG METRIC INFORMATION missing or incorrect:	
Incomplete or incorrect cells are shown in metric (eg. habitat quantity, type or condition, strategic significance)	N

POST DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS FOR BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG)	
PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS NOT ESSENTIAL INFORMATION PRIOR TO DETERMINATION. Post-development information is **indicative only**; final proposals must be confirmed at Biodiversity Gain Plan statutory condition stage.	
ON-SITE SIGNIFICANT* BNG is proposed (If Y, please see later table)	N
OFF-SITE APPLICANT-OWNED BNG is proposed (ie. Land shown on plan within the "blue line" boundary and inserted in "offsite" tab of statutory metric)	N
PLEASE NOTE: Where applicant-owned off-site or significant on-site BNG proposals are present, these should be secured and monitored for 30 years. The determining authority is responsible for monitoring for compliance.	
OFF-SITE PURCHASE of BNG**	
BNG units purchase from a third party to achieve 10% BNG uplift	TBC
Statutory biodiversity credits	TBC

PLEASE NOTE:** Where purchased BNG units are proposed, any purchased units from the national register are secured and monitored for 30 years by conservation covenant, separately from this planning application process.

POST DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS: ***TYPE OF SIGNIFICANT ON-SITE HABITAT PROPOSED:** (using the current government definition[1])		
SIGNIFICANCE AS DEFINED IN PPG	**POST DEVELOPMENT HABITAT TYPE PROPOSED**	**NUMBER OF UNITS**
Medium or High Distinctiveness	**N/A**	
Large number of units at Low Distinctiveness	**N/A**	
Significant increase in Distinctiveness, Condition or Area	**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.

[1] https://www.gov.uk/guidance/make-on-site-biodiversity-gains-as-a-developer#significant-on-site-enhancements