

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council	
APPLICATION NUMBER	25/00204/HOU	
ADDRESS	Spring Hill Cottage Station Road Higham On The Hill Nuneaton Leicestershire CV13 6AG	
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Single storey side extension	
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Ashleigh Gade	
DEPARTMENT	Ecology	
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Richard Kelly	
DATE OF COMMENTS	24/03/2025	
SUMMARY RESPONSE:		
No comment		
No objection		✓
Recommend Refusal		
Holding Objection - Further information required		
Condition recommended		✓
Informative recommended		
SUMMARY OF ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED:		
The applicant submitted information: Plans, Elevations, Location Plan, Block Plan (March 2025).		
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION PROVIDED:		
- The proposed works consist of the construction of a single storey side extension on already existing hard standing. - The application site is situated in a predominately rural location surrounded by large, well vegetated gardens with mature trees that open out into the wider countryside. Adjacent to the application site is a large area of rough grassland with a pond surround by trees. Great Crested Newts - The proposed development is within 100m of a pond that has a high potential of supporting great crested newts (GCN). However, the proposed development is to take place on existing hardstanding/managed garden, which is sub-optimal habitat for GCN. Therefore, provided some simple mitigation measures are in place it is considered the likelihood of GCN being impacted by the development to be low.		
BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG) SPECIFIC COMMENTS:		

- The Reasonable Avoidance Measures (RAMs) to be followed should include: - All materials to be stored off the ground (for example on pallets) to minimise the likelihood of GCN accessing them for refugia. - All spoil/waste materials to be removed from site at the end of each working day (or stored in a skip). - Backfill trenches and other excavations before nightfall, or leave a ramp to allow newts to easily exit. - The site should be maintained as sub-optimal prior to the commencement of works. Please see conditions.
FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED:
N/A
AMENDMENTS RECOMMENDED:
N/A
RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:
Great Crested Newts - All materials associated with the carrying out of the development hereby approved shall be stored off the ground (for example on pallets) throughout the course of the development, including prior to the commencement of development, and all spoil/waste materials shall be removed from the site at the end of each working day, or stored in a skip.
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
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.

