

**CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:**

**ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE**

<b>DISTRICT OR BOROUGH</b>	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
<b>APPLICATION NUMBER</b>	25/00206/OUT
<b>ADDRESS</b>	Land Adjacent To Welton Lodge Hunts Lane Desford Leicestershire
<b>DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT</b>	Outline planning permission for a single self-build dwelling (All matters reserved except access)
<b>PLANNING CASE OFFICER</b>	Sullivan Archer
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	Ecology
<b>PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER</b>	Michael McCoy
<b>DATE OF COMMENTS</b>	21/03/2025
<b>SUMMARY RESPONSE:</b>	
No comment	
No objection	
Recommend Refusal	
Holding Objection - Further information required	✓
Condition recommended	
Informative recommended	
<b>SUMMARY OF ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'Preliminary Ecological Appraisal' (Arbtech, 2025)</li> </ul>	
<b>REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION PROVIDED:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have reviewed the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) and found the results acceptable.</li> <li>• The recommendations in the PEA for eDNA surveys within 500m (where accessible) should be carried out to best practice guidance between mid-April to late June, completed and submitted prior to determination.</li> <li>• Biodiversity enhancements recommended within the PEA should also be completed.</li> <li>• Precautionary method of works should be followed.</li> </ul>	
<b>BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG) SPECIFIC COMMENTS:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BNG exempt due to self-build.</li> </ul>	
<b>FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• eDNA survey results for presence/absence of Great Crested Newts (GCN) for ponds (where accessible), particularly Pond 1.</li> <li>• Plans for biodiversity enhancements such as bird boxes as recommended by PEA.</li> </ul>	

<b>AMENDMENTS RECOMMENDED:</b>
• N/A
<b>RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:</b>
• N/A
<b>RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:</b>
• N/A
<b>RECOMMENDED SECTION 106 REQUIREMENT</b> (standard clause, contribution amount, trigger for payment)
• N/A
<b>DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS ONLY:</b> (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:**

<b>Legislation source</b>	<b>Reference</b>
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.

