

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

COUNTY, DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
APPLICATION NUMBER	25/01101/FUL
ADDRESS	Land Rear Of 5 - 15 The Coppice Burbage Leicestershire
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Erection of a custom build bungalow and detached garage
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Ashleigh Gade
DEPARTMENT	Ecology
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Michael McCoy
DATE OF COMMENTS	24 June 2026
ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:	
• Statutory Biodiversity Metric (Ecology Solution, Apr 2026) • BNG Graphics (Ecology Solution, Jun 2026)	
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	
No comment	
No objection (for recommended conditions or informatives- see below)	
Recommend Refusal	
Holding Objection - Further information required	✓
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:	
• The statutory metric now has the start page completed. • While the 2.0 metric is on the planning portal, this is in a PDF version, please can we have the original excel file. • The UKHab map only includes the habitats for the redline boundary (statutory metric for new proposal - 25/01101/FUL) but not the rest of the site (red line boundary for original 21/00556/FUL). As per the previous ecology comments, we require the baseline and post-development maps showing on-site for the new dwelling as well as the overall site which matches metric 2.0. • Justification is needed on how a very small are of land will become lowland meadows when it is proposed in a surrounding urban environment. It is extremely difficult to achieve lowland meadows and must meet the criterion set out in the UK Habitat classification v2.01.	

- Also based on the older 2.0 metric submitted, the lowland meadows is proposed to be enhanced from other neutral, however, aerials show that this grassland has already been cleared and is now hardstanding, making it even more difficult to achieve lowland meadow. The statutory metric does show other neutral as lost instead of enhanced. The 2.0 metric needs updated to reflect this and have both metrics matching. - The updated map also shows proposed other neutral grassland at the rear of the property; however, this is likely to be vegetated garden. The other neutral grassland is also not present in the habitat creation in the latest statutory metric. Please can the map be updated to match the metric. - As this is not mandatory BNG, we need to have full confidence that the self-build will not remove the net gain as proposed in 21/00556/FUL and stays in line with the NPPF.
ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:
N/A
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

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.

