

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council	
APPLICATION NUMBER	24/01142/FUL	
ADDRESS	Oldlands Fenn Lanes Dadlington Nuneaton Leicestershire	
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Erection of agricultural building	
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Grant Perks	
DEPARTMENT	Ecology	
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Helen Chambers	
DATE OF COMMENTS	16/01/25	
SUMMARY RESPONSE:		
No comment		
No objection		✓
Recommend Refusal		
Holding Objection - Further information required		
SUMMARY OF ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED:		
• Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment Report (Ashby Energy Assessors, 2024) • Biodiversity Metric Calculation Tool (Ashby Energy Assessors, 2024)		
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION PROVIDED:		
• We have reviewed the information provided and are confident that no protected/notable species and/or habitats will be impacted by the proposals. • The BNG calculations are reasonable, achievable and proportionate to the development. • As such, we have no outstanding comments and have no objections to the planning application.		
PROTECTED SPECIES FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED:		
• N/A		
BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG)		
FURTHER INFORMATION IS REQUIRED REGARDING:		
Incomplete or incorrect cells in the statutory metric		
Incomplete or incorrect UK Hab or condition assessment information		
Final pre-development habitat value		
How post-development BNG land will be secured for 30 years		
Description of irreplaceable habitat		

Description of degradation		
BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG) SPECIFIC COMMENTS:		
It is noted that 10% net gain can be achieved on site. We are confident in the BNG proposals. The enhancements on site are considered significant and therefore will need to be legally secured.		
DATE PROVIDED ON STATUTORY METRIC ONCE REVIEWED AND AGREED (for decision notice purposes):	13/12/24	
ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:		
The mandatory BNG condition should apply to the planning application.		
ANY RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:		
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.