

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

**ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE**

<b>COUNTY, DISTRICT OR BOROUGH</b>	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
<b>APPLICATION NUMBER</b>	25/00796/FUL
<b>ADDRESS</b>	Mayfield Twycross Road Sibson Nuneaton Leicestershire CV13 6LB
<b>DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT</b>	Erection of two detached dwellings with new vehicular access
<b>PLANNING CASE OFFICER</b>	Ashleigh Gade
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	Ecology
<b>PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER</b>	Michael McCoy
<b>DATE OF COMMENTS</b>	07 October 2025
<b>ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biodiversity Net Gain Metric (Croft Ecology, 2025)</li> <li>• Tree Condition Assessment (Croft Ecology, 2025)</li> <li>• Grassland Condition Assessment (Croft Ecology, 2025)</li> </ul>	
<b>SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:</b>	
No comment	
No objection (for recommended conditions or informatives- see below)	
Recommend Refusal	
Holding Objection - Further information required	✓
<b>REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have reviewed the above documents and require further clarification.</li> <li>• The BNG metric presented was in PDF form, please can the excel version of the metric be submitted.</li> <li>• Has a preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) been completed for the site, particularly assessing protected species. There are several trees to be removed, have they been subject to preliminary roost assessments (PRA)?</li> <li>• There are also two ponds located adjacent to the immediate east of the site. While one pond looks to have dried, has a Habitat Suitability Index been completed on the pond. – Clarification is requested if the pond is still there and if HIS have been conducted o the pond.</li> <li>• Can the hedgerow condition assessment sheets be sent for review please.</li> <li>• As significant enhancements are suggested, a Habitat Management &amp; Monitoring Plan (HMMP) is needed.</li> </ul>	

<b>ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The development shall not commence until a 30 year Habitat Monitoring and Management Plan (HMMP), prepared in accordance with an approved Biodiversity Gain Plan, has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The approved HMMP shall be strictly adhered to and implemented in full for its duration and shall contain the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Description and evaluation of the features to be managed;</li> <li>b) Ecological trends and constraints on site that may influence management;</li> <li>c) Aims, objectives and targets for management - links with local and national species and habitat action plans;</li> <li>d) Description of the management operations necessary to achieving aims and objectives;</li> <li>e) Preparation of a works schedule, including annual works schedule;</li> <li>f) Details and a timetable of the monitoring needed to measure the effectiveness of management;</li> <li>g) Details of the persons responsible for the implementation and monitoring;</li> <li>h) mechanisms of adaptive management to account for necessary changes in work schedule to achieve the required targets; and</li> <li>i) Details of methodology and frequency of monitoring reports to be submitted to the Local Planning Authority to assess biodiversity gain</li> </ul> </li> <li>(To enhance biodiversity, and in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework and paragraph 13 of Schedule 7A to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990)</li> </ul>	
<b>ANY RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>	
<b>IN THE CASE OF DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS ONLY:</b>	
(Please confirm which condition(s) is/are being discharged)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>	
<b>BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG) SECTION</b>	
<b>HAVE MINIMUM NATIONAL INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS BEEN PROVIDED (PPG paragraph 11):</b>	
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 – need excel
Statement of <b>Habitat Degradation</b> where present (with dates and details)	N/A
<b>Reason</b> for proposing an earlier date if applicable (ie. degradation)	N/A
Description of <b>Irreplaceable Habitat</b> where present	N/A
<b><u>SMALL SITES METRIC ONLY:</u></b> “Competent person” information (ie. qualifications, skills, experience)	N/A
<b>BNG METRIC INFORMATION missing or incorrect:</b>	
Incomplete or incorrect cells are shown in metric (eg. habitat quantity, type or condition, strategic significance)	TBC
<b>ON-SITE AND OFF-SITE PROPOSALS PRESENT:</b>	
<b>These should be secured and monitored for 30 years</b>	
Applicant-owned <u>significant onsite</u> BNG is proposed	Y

<b>Off-site BNG is proposed</b> (eg. BNG units provided to achieve 10% BNG uplift either on applicant-owned land, purchased units or statutory credits) <b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> this is <b>indicative only</b> , confirmed at Biodiversity Gain Plan condition stage	N
<b>TYPE OF SIGNIFICANT ON-SITE HABITAT PROPOSED:</b> (using the current government definition <sup>1</sup> )	
Medium or High Distinctiveness	Y
Large number of units at Low Distinctiveness	N
Significant increase in Distinctiveness, Condition or Area	Y

**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.

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

