

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	Faizal Jasat
DEPARTMENT	
	Ecology
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	
	Michael McCoy
DATE OF COMMENTS	
	17 February 2026
ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:	
BNG Statement (Ecology solutions, Oct 2025)	
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	
No comment	
No objection (for recommended conditions or informatives- see below)	
Recommend Refusal	
Holding Objection - Further information required	✓
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:	
- We have reviewed the above document as well as 'Proposed Site Location Plan, Drg No. 12/71 P9-00' (Hayward Architects Ltd, Nov 2025) & 'Proposed Site, Block Plan, Drg No. 12/71 P9-01b' (Hayward Architects Ltd, Dec 2025). - While this a proposed self-build in which mandatory BNG is not applied, this application will have a negative impact on the net gain proposed as part of 21/00556/FUL. The BNG Statement (Ecology solutions, Oct 2025) highlights how a no net loss can be achieved which is acceptable, fulfilling the NPPF Ch. 15, para 187 d): "<i>minimising impacts on and providing net gains for biodiversity</i>". - However, the BNG statement states there are further documents to be read in conjunction with the statement including: - DEFRA Biodiversity Metric 2.0 calculation tool (reference: 8936.Biodiversity Metric.dv8) - Natural England Statutory Biodiversity Metric calculation tool (reference: 14224.The_Statutory_Metric_dv1) - Ecology Solutions' previous Ecological Assessment (report reference: 8936.EcoAs.vf2)	

dated January 2021)
Please can these documents be provided for review as well as a map showing the baseline map and post-development map annotated using UKHab classification.
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.

