

Site Name	Horiba Mira Ltd Mira Drive Lindley Nuneaton Leicestershire CV10 0TT	Advice Request	Ecology
Planning Ref	23/00789/FUL	Response Deadline	19 th October 2023
Planning Officer	Matt Jedruch	Completed By	Dean LeFeuvre
Date of Request	6 th October 2023	Date of Issue	18 th October 2023

Stance: No objection.

Dear Matt,

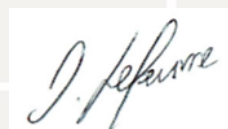
I am writing in respect of ecological matters for the above application advice request regarding the proposed construction of a multi-use hardstanding pad and associated parking.

Thank you for reconsulting with me following my comments made in September 2023 regarding the above proposals. I originally had no holding objections but made recommendations for a Construction Ecological Management Plan (CEMP) to be conditioned in relation to ground nesting birds, common reptile species and terrestrial mammals in line with recommendations within the submitted ecological report.

I have since received an email from yourself dated 5th October 2023 containing a CEMP instead of attaching an ecological related condition to any approved scheme. The upfront provision of this document is welcomed and is considered satisfactory. I therefore withdraw my request for a CEMP related planning condition. All site clearance and construction related works should be conducted in compliance with this document and adhered to at all times.

I would like to point out that my original comments regarding bats & lighting, breeding birds and great crested newts stand as per my previous response.

Yours sincerely,



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Principal Ecologist

On behalf of Leicestershire County Council (Ecology Team)

I have reviewed the following documents on the Hinkley & Bosworth Borough Council's online planning portal.

- **Site Location Plan, Drg No. 7045-XX-NW08-XX-DR-X-02 Rev P1, Proposed Block Plan, Drg No. 7045-XX-NW08-XX-XX-X-04 Rev P1, Ecological Survey and Great Crested Newt Habitat Suitability Index Assessment & eDNA Survey.**

I have also consulted Leicestershire and Rutland Environmental Records Centre (LRERC) for existing protected species data and designated sites within the locality, which may incur potential impacts depending on the proposals. This identified that the site is located within numerous great crested newt risk zones due to the presence of ponds and records of this species within close proximity. There is also the 'Mira Boundary Hedge' local wildlife site (LWS) situated along the southeastern boundary.

Great Crested Newts

Two waterbodies were located immediately adjacent to site, five further ponds within 250m, and up to fifteen additional ponds within a 500m radius. A Habitat Suitability Index Assessment (HSI) and eDNA survey for great crested newts was carried out by Middlemarch in June 2023 the results of which are discussed separately below.

Breeding Birds

The hedgerow and scrub provide suitable habitats for a range of breeding bird species. A technical note relating to nesting birds should be attached to any approved scheme as follows;



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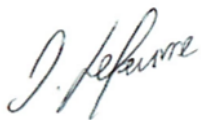
- Nesting birds are protected from disturbance under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended); therefore all removal of trees/shrubs/hedges should take place outside the breeding season (March - September inclusive) unless carefully checked beforehand by a suitably qualified person.

The main body of the site (grassland) was considered to have limited suitability for ground nesting birds (e.g. skylark). Appropriate timings and vigilance should be maintained, and protection measures provided within a Construction Ecological Management Plan (CEMP) which can form a planning condition as follows;

- A Construction Ecological Management Plan (CEMP) should be produced for the site setting out the safeguards and appropriate working practices that will be employed to minimise adverse effects on biodiversity and ensure compliance with UK Wildlife Legislation. The details of the CEMP will be informed by the final site design and ongoing ecological survey works but should include as a minimum:
 - Development standoffs and safeguards for all retained habitats;
 - Construction timetables to avoid sensitive periods such as nesting bird season;
 - Vegetation management measures to minimise the risk to protected or notable species (nesting birds, brown hare, badger, and grass snake); and,
 - Compliance with any specific mitigation measures that will be required to acquire a Development Licence for works affecting protected species.

The CEMP should be submitted to the LCC for approval and to discharge the condition then implemented in full thereafter.

Yours sincerely,



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