

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

COUNTY, DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council	
APPLICATION NUMBER	25/00994/HOU	
ADDRESS	11 Cottage Lane Desford Leicester Leicestershire LE9 9GF	
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Solar panels to roof and associated battery storage.	
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Jack Playle	
DEPARTMENT	Ecology	
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Richard Kelly	
DATE OF COMMENTS	19 December 2025	
ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:		
• Application Form • Site Location Plan • Proposed Roof Plan • Bat Scoping Surveys (Pear Tree Ecology, December 2025)		
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:		
No comment		
No objection (for recommended conditions or informatives- see below)		✓
Recommend Refusal		
Holding Objection - Further information required		
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:		
• A Bat Scoping Survey completed by Pear Tree Ecology in December 2025 has been submitted which is accepted and key points outlined below. • Bats – The building is in good condition, reroofed approximately 20 years ago and lead flashing secure. No evidence of bats was observed and building classed as ‘negligible’ potential and no further surveys required. • Birds – No evidence of nesting birds were observed and no access for swifts was possible, therefore no further surveys or compensation is recommended. BNG Specific • Mandatory BNG does not apply as the application is a ‘householder application’.		
ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:		

- 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.

