

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

COUNTY, DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council	
APPLICATION NUMBER	24/00805/FUL	
ADDRESS	Inglenook Farm Leicester Road Barwell Leicester Leicestershire LE9 8BD	
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Erection of an indoor riding school, including associated works	
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Matt Jedruch	
DEPARTMENT	Ecology	
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Michael McCoy	
DATE OF COMMENTS	13 November 2025	
ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:		
N/A		
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 'Site Layout' (axis survey, 2025) which has provided a new red line boundary, restricting development to artificially unvegetated, unsealed surface (u1c) which is therefore exempt from BNG under the de-minimis exemption. - As there is a pond with potential GCN within 250m of the site, a GCN informative should be attached. If any GCN are seen on site, work should stop immediately, and a qualified ecologist should be contacted.		
ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:		
N/A		
ANY RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:		
Great Crested Newts, a species fully protected by law, could potentially be breeding in a pond within 200m of the proposed development, with several potential GCN ponds nearby, therefore there is a small possibility that a newt, or small numbers of newts could be present on the site. The applicant should therefore exercise due care during implementation of the proposed development, ensuring that all contractors are aware of the possibility of finding great crested newts, and stored materials are carefully removed		

by hand. Work should cease if a great crested newt is found, and advice from a licensed ecologist should be sought.
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.

