

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinkley & Bosworth Borough Council
APPLICATION NUMBER	24/00831/OUT
ADDRESS	Land North Of Shenton Lane Market Bosworth Leicestershire
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Outline planning application for the erection of up to 100 dwellings (including 40% affordable housing) with public open space, landscaping, sustainable drainage system (SuDS) a vehicular access point and the demolition of one residential dwelling. All matters reserved except for means of access (re-submission of 22/00167/OUT)
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Tim Hartley
DEPARTMENT	Ecology
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Nikki Morton
DATE OF COMMENTS	24/09/2024
SUMMARY RESPONSE:	
No comment	
No objection	
Recommend Refusal	
Holding Objection - Further information required	✓
Condition recommended	
Informative recommended	
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION PROVIDED:	
I have reviewed the Ecological Appraisal produced by FPCR August 2024 along with our correspondence to the previous application for the site.	
BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG) specific comments:	
- Mandatory biodiversity net gain will apply to this site. - Please can the excel version of the metric be provided as it is difficult to view the condition assessment criteria in the comments section in its currently format across multiple pages. - I require further justification as to why the 'other neutral grassland' fails assessment criteria A as to why the habitat was not considered a good example of 'other neutral grassland'. I can see from my records that there has always been local wildlife site indicator species present (albeit some wet grassland indicators). I can see from aerial	

imagery that trial digs/ archaeological investigations have been carried out, therefore this should not influence the condition of the grassland. • Please can photographs of each habitat assessed be provided, as currently there are no photographs within the report making it difficult to assess.
FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED:
• Please can the further information regarding biodiversity net gain (as outlined above) be provided. • I also require the bat survey report as referenced in the Ecological Appraisal to be uploaded.
AMENDMENTS RECOMMENDED:
• N/A
RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:
• N/A
RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:
• N/A
RECOMMENDED SECTION 106 REQUIREMENT (standard clause, contribution amount, trigger for payment)
• N/A
DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS ONLY: (Please confirm which condition(s) is/are being discharged)
• N/A

Note for applicants: Please be aware that this specialist advice is provided to the Local Planning Authority through a Service Level Agreement between the Local Planning Authority and Leicestershire County Council.

If you have any queries about this advice, 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 as part of this service.

The following legislation is used to assist in the assessment of planning applications:

Legislation source	Reference
NPPF Dec 2023	Paras 8, 180, 181, 185, 186, 187, 188
Environment Act 2021	Mandatory Net Gain Biodiversity Duty Local Nature Recovery Strategy
District or Borough Local Plan and supporting SPD's	Local Plan
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.
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