

Site Name	4 Polebrook Mews Spinney Drive Botcheston Leicester Leicestershire LE9 9FG	Advice Request	Ecology
Planning Ref	23/00804/OUT	Response Deadline	21 st September 2023
Planning Officer	Christopher Brown	Completed By	Dean LeFeuvre BSC MCIEEM
Date of Request	31 st August 2023	Date of Issue	20 th September 2023

Stance: No objection.

Dear Chris,

I am writing in respect of ecological matters for the above application advice request regarding the proposed outline planning permission for the construction of a single dwelling (All matters reserved - access only) (Resubmission 22/00619/OUT).

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

- **Site Location Plan, Block Plan, and Design and Access Statement**

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 within an impact buffer zone for great crested newts due to the presence of waterbodies and historic records of this species within close proximity to the site. However, given that the site is currently entirely hardstanding tennis court, specific consideration for this species is not deemed necessary.

Given the existing site usage (tennis court), I do not require any ecological assessment of the site as it is highly unlikely to support any species of ecological concern. I presume that the surrounding hedgerow will be impacted a result of the proposals and should therefore be replaced by native species landscaping within the final scheme. A technical note relating to breeding birds should be attached to any outline approval. Given the surrounding landscape, should any external lighting be required this should be incorporated with consideration to nocturnal species (e.g. commuting & foraging bats) and in accordance with the latest Bat Conservation Trust guidelines.

Yours sincerely,



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On behalf of Leicestershire County Council (Ecology Team)



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