

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
APPLICATION NUMBER	24/00110/HOU
ADDRESS	9 Portland Drive Hinckley Leicestershire LE10 1SE
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Removal of existing garage and erection of two-storey side extension
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Stephen Sarfo
DEPARTMENT	
ECOLOGY	
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Dale Devereaux
DATE OF COMMENTS	19/02/2024
SUMMARY RESPONSE:	
No comment	
No objection	
Refusal	
Further information required	
Condition recommended	
Informative recommended	☒
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION PROVIDED:	
Having looked at nearby protected species data, and viewed the existing building on Google Street-view, it appears to have low suitability for roosting bats. Therefore, requesting bat surveys is not proportionate. However, as the proposed development involves the demolition of the garage and alterations to the existing roof, the below Informative should be attached to any permission.	
BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG) specific comments:	
N/A	
FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED:	
N/A	
AMENDMENTS RECOMMENDED:	
N/A	
DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:	

LCC Ecology has reviewed (to be deleted as appropriate): • Aerial photography • Google Street view • Species and habitat data • Applicant submitted information: Existing and Proposed Site Elevations, Site Location Plan, Proposed Layouts
RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:
• N/A
RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:
• The property may be suitable for roosting bats, which are protected by law from harm. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that bat legislation is not breached, and therefore may need to consult with a licenced bat ecologist prior to commencement to ensure that bats will not be impacted by the works. The applicant should ensure that all contractors and individuals working on the property are aware of this possibility, as works must cease if bats are found during the course of the works whilst advice from a bat ecologist is obtained. Bats are particularly associated with the roof structure of buildings, including lofts, rafters, beams, gables, eaves, soffits, flashing, ridge-tile, chimneys, the under-tile area, etc. but may also be present in crevices in stone or brickwork and in cavity walls.
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 policy reference: Policy NE3 of the Warwick District Local Plan (applies for WDC delete if not appropriate)
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.