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Good afternoon,

24/00083/HYB | Hybrid planning application for 422 dwellings, public open space, associated infrastructure and the demolition of 65 and 65a Coventry Road, and Burbage Fields Farm and outline planning application for a residential care home and up to 11no. self-build plots (all matters reserved except for access) | Land At Burbage Fields Farm Bullfurlong Lane Burbage Leicestershire

The majority of the site is modified grassland which is of relatively low conservation significance. The hedgerows, trees and watercourse provides more ecological value and therefore should be protected during works (where being retained). Some low conservation significance bat roosts were recorded but will need an EPS licence from Natural England prior to building demolition. The ecology mitigation/enhancement strategy produced by FPCR (January 2024) is acceptable and therefore should be followed.

I recommend the following conditions:

- No development shall take place (including ground works or vegetation clearance) until a Construction Environment Management Plan for biodiversity (CEMP: Biodiversity) has been submitted to and approved in writing by the LPA. The CEMP shall include the following details:
 - A. Identification of potentially damaging construction activities
 - B. identification of biodiversity protection zones
 - C. practical measures and sensitive working practices to avoid or reduce impacts during construction
 - D. timing of works to avoid harm to nesting birds
 - E. responsible persons for overseeing sensitive works
 - F. use of protective fencing where required

The approved CEMP shall be adhered to and implemented throughout the construction period strictly in accordance with the approved details, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the LPA.

- No development shall take place (including ground works or vegetation clearance) until a Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP) has been submitted to and approved in writing by the LPA. The LEMP should inform management in order to achieve the desired conditions to achieve measurable biodiversity net gain. The LEMP shall include the following details:
 - A. description and evaluation of the features to be created/managed
 - B. aims and objectives of management
 - C. appropriate management options for achieving aims and objectives
 - D. prescriptions for management actions
 - E. work schedule
 - F. species/seed mixes to be planted/sown
 - G. ongoing monitoring and remedial measures

The approved plan will be implemented in accordance with the approved details.

- The development hereby approved shall be implemented in strict accordance with the measures stated in the Ecology Mitigation/ Enhancement Strategy (FPCR January 2024) unless otherwise agreed in writing by the LPA.

I recommend the following informatives are attached to any planning permission:

- Nesting birds are protected under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended); therefore all removal of trees/shrubs/hedges and building demolition should take place outside the breeding season (March to August inclusive) unless carefully checked beforehand by a suitably qualified person.
- This development will require a European Protected Species licence for bats to make it lawful. You must be aware that to proceed with the development without first obtaining an EPS Licence could result in prosecution.

Kind regards,

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