

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

COUNTY, DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
APPLICATION NUMBER	26/00438/HOU
ADDRESS	191 Main Street Thornton Coalville Leicestershire LE67 1AH
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Erection of a car port to side of the property
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Joseph Fleetwood HBBC
DEPARTMENT	Ecology
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Richard Kelly
DATE OF COMMENTS	10 August 2026
ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:	
• Application Form • Site Location Plan: PG NO: 09 • Existing and Proposed Plans • Parking Plan: PG NO: 09 • Parking Arrangements: PG NO: 09 • Preliminary Bat Roost Assessment (Chase Ecological Consultancy, July 2026) • Protected Species Survey (Curious Ecologists, July 2010)	
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	
No comment	
No objection (for recommended conditions or informatives- see below)	✓
Recommend Refusal	
Holding Objection - Further information required	
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:	
• A Preliminary Bat Roost Assessment completed by Chase Ecological Consultancy in July 2026 has been submitted with the application which is accepted and outlined below. • The report concluded there are no suitable features for bats and no evidence of bats were observed during the survey. This is evidenced by internal and external pictures within the report. No further assessment for bats is required. • It must be noted a confirmed bat roost was observed from Protected Species Survey dated July 2010 with 310 bats emerging, therefore the proposed works requiring a European Protected Species Licence.	

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.

