

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
APPLICATION NUMBER	25/00396/OUT
ADDRESS	Sherwood Nutts Lane Hinckley Leicestershire LE10 3EG
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Outline planning permission for residential development of up to 2 dwellings (All matters reserved except for access)
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Ashleigh Gade
DEPARTMENT	Ecology
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Michael McCoy
DATE OF COMMENTS	27/05/2025
SUMMARY RESPONSE:	
No comment	
No objection	
Recommend Refusal	
Holding Objection - Further information required	✓
Condition recommended	
Informative recommended	
SUMMARY OF ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION PROVIDED:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have reviewed 'Design & Access Statement' (Lawernce Finley Architects, 2025), 'Illustrative Site Plan- Drg No- PL-03' (Lawernce Finley Architects, 2025) & 'Existing Site Plan- Drg No-PL-02' (Lawernce Finley Architects, 2025). From the plans received, the works will affect the existing roof space of the dwelling through demolition. This will impact any potential roosting bats within the outhouses. Therefore, it is recommended a Preliminary Roost Assessment (PRA) should be carried out by a licenced ecologist of the areas of works to determine if any bat roosts are present. Particular focus should be on the large outbuilding to the west. This should involve an external and internal inspection of the building by an appropriately licensed bat worker. Depending on the results of this, an emergence survey may also be required. Emergence surveys can only be carried out between May and mid-September. There are also records of barn owl within the area, this should be scoped into the PRA with an ecologist who possesses a barn owl licence. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please note that ODPM Regulations require protected species surveys to be submitted prior to determination of a planning application. It is also essential that the extent that they may be affected by the proposed development is established before the planning permission is granted. Reference: Paragraph 99 of ODPM Circular 06/2005 (Biodiversity and Geological Conservation – Statutory Obligations and their Impact within the Planning System). Therefore, any further surveys recommended within the report would need to be carried out prior to determination.
BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG) SPECIFIC COMMENTS:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Results from the PRA in regards to information on potential bat roosts and barn owls.
AMENDMENTS RECOMMENDED:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
RECOMMENDED SECTION 106 REQUIREMENT (standard clause, contribution amount, trigger for payment)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS ONLY: (Please confirm which condition(s) is/are being discharged)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
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	International and national site protection: Ramsar sites (from Ramsar Convention), Habitat and Birds Directives (Natura 2000 sites include

the protection of species and habitats	<p>SAC's and SPA's), SSSI's, National Nature Reserves, Local Wildlife Sites, Local Nature Reserves.</p> <p>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.</p>
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