

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

COUNTY, DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
APPLICATION NUMBER	25/01228/EAS
ADDRESS	Land South Of Bosworth Academy Leicester Lane Desford Leicestershire
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	EIA Screening Request - Erection of up to 550 dwellings
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Emma Baumber
DEPARTMENT	Ecology
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Richard Kelly
DATE OF COMMENTS	16 February 2026
ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:	
• Location Plan: L01 • Illustrative Masterplan: SK09 • Covering Letter (Claremont Planning, December 2025) • Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report (Claremont Planning, December 2025)	
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	
No comment	
No objection (for recommended conditions or informatives- see below)	✓
Recommend Refusal	
Holding Objection - Further information required	
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:	
• The Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report (Claremont Planning, December 2025) has been reviewed. • It is noted that this application is for a screening opinion and based on this there will be no full comments on the merits (or otherwise) of the application. • An EIA would not be expected for this development on Biodiversity grounds. The application is not on or close to designated sites of national or international importance and does not have any known national BAP habitats present. However, it is located within the Botcheston Bog SSSI IRZ and consultation with Natural England will be required which may be considered a separate matter to an EIA.	

- It is possible that there are protected species or habitats of local importance on or immediately adjacent to the site, but these can be dealt with via ecological appraisals and surveys in the usual way for an application. - If you or the applicant requires any further information on the required scope of the ecology survey this advice can be provided accordingly. The results of this survey would be required to inform the potential acceptability and layout of the development.
ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:
N/A
ANY RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:
N/A

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.

