

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

COUNTY, DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
APPLICATION NUMBER	25/01137/FUL
ADDRESS	Hoo Hills Farm Bosworth Road Wellsborough Nuneaton Leicestershire CV13 6PB
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	The change of use of an agricultural building to Padel Courts and the creation of associated car parking (retrospective)
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Joseph Fleetwood HBBC
DEPARTMENT	
	Ecology
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	
	Michael McCoy
DATE OF COMMENTS	
	06 February 2026
ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:	
N/A	
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	
No comment	
No objection (for recommended conditions or informatives- see below)	✓
Recommend Refusal	
Holding Objection - Further information required	
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:	
- We have reviewed 'Proposed Site Plan, Site Location Plan Sheet 1 - Drg No. 01/02' (dci architecture, Nov 2025). - As the building is a change of use only and was constructed within the last few years, a Preliminary Roost Assessment would be disproportionate. - The hedgerow directly south of the building is connected to woodland in the west. Therefore, there is potential to disturb foraging bats if light spillage of over 3Lux impacts the hedgerow. – Therefore, we recommend lighting strategy condition.	
ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:	
No external lighting shall be installed on the site until details (including luminance levels and measures to minimise light spillage) have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. External lighting shall only be installed in accordance with the approved details and shall not be replaced with any alternative lighting without the prior permission in writing of the Local Planning Authority.	
ANY RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:	

N/A
IN THE CASE OF DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS ONLY: (Please confirm which condition(s) is/are being discharged)
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.

