

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council	
APPLICATION NUMBER	25/00201/FUL	
ADDRESS	11 Danehill Ratby Leicester Leicestershire LE6 0NG	
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Erection of one dwelling	
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Sullivan Archer	
DEPARTMENT	Ecology	
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Richard Kelly	
DATE OF COMMENTS	24/03/2025	
SUMMARY RESPONSE:		
No comment		
No objection		✓
Recommend Refusal		
Holding Objection - Further information required		
Condition recommended		
Informative recommended		✓
SUMMARY OF ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED:		
The applicant submitted information: Design & Access Statement, Elevations, Location Plan, Site Plan (March 2025).		
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION PROVIDED:		
- The proposed works consist of the construction of a new dwelling on a landscaped and hardstanding back garden. - The site is in a semi-rural setting surrounded by large to medium sized gardens with mature trees and shrubs, connecting out to the wider countryside. - The proposed works include the construction of a new dwelling on the existing garden and the demolition of a single storey porch. The front and side gardens are established with a dense conifer hedge. - The porch is of modern construction and intact with no missing mortar or loose flashing, no further action is required. - Parts of the landscaped garden will need to be cleared for the development to continue. It is recommended that any vegetation clearance is undertaken outside of the bird nesting season which runs from March – August (inclusive). If this is not possible then a nesting		

bird check will be required prior to removal by a suitably qualified ecologist. Please see Informatives.
BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG) SPECIFIC COMMENTS:
N/A
FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED:
N/A
AMENDMENTS RECOMMENDED:
N/A
RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:
N/A
RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:
Nesting Birds - Nesting birds are protected under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended); therefore, building demolition and significant alteration or vegetation clearance should take place outside the breeding season (March to August inclusive) unless carefully checked beforehand by a suitably qualified person.
RECOMMENDED SECTION 106 REQUIREMENT (standard clause, contribution amount, trigger for payment)
N/A
DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS ONLY: (Please confirm which condition(s) is/are being discharged)
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 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.
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