

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council	
APPLICATION NUMBER	24/01124/FUL	
ADDRESS	Barwell Constitutional Club 20 Chapel Street Barwell Leicester Leicestershire LE9 8DD	
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Erection of two single storey dwellings (revised scheme of 23/00716/FUL)	
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Joe Fleetwood	
DEPARTMENT	Ecology	
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Helen Chambers	
DATE OF COMMENTS	16/01/25	
SUMMARY RESPONSE:		
No comment		
No objection		
Recommend Refusal		
Holding Objection - Further information required		✓
SUMMARY OF ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BNG Summary (JM Ecology, 2024) • Biodiversity Metric Calculation Tool (JM Ecology, 2024) 		
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION PROVIDED:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have reviewed the information provided and are confident that no protected/notable species and/or habitats will be impacted by the proposals. • However, we have outstanding queries in relation to the BNG baseline of the site (see below). 		
PROTECTED SPECIES FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 		
BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG)		
FURTHER INFORMATION IS REQUIRED REGARDING:		
Incomplete or incorrect cells in the statutory metric	✓	
Incomplete or incorrect UK Hab or condition assessment information		
Final pre-development habitat value	✓	
How post-development BNG land will be secured for 30 years		
Description of irreplaceable habitat		
Description of degradation		

BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG) SPECIFIC COMMENTS:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We note that the Baseline Habitat Map in the BNG Summary shows areas of modified grassland, however, within the Biodiversity Metric Calculation Tool only other neutral grassland and hardstanding is shown within the On-Site Habitat Baseline tab. In addition, the BNG summary mentions bramble within the Trading Summary section, however no bramble is shown within either the Baseline Habitat Map or the Biodiversity Metric Calculation Tool. As such, the BNG baseline of the site needs clarifying. 	
DATE PROVIDED ON STATUTORY METRIC ONCE REVIEWED AND AGREED (for decision notice purposes):	N/A
ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	
ANY RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:	
<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 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.