

**CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:****ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE**

DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinkley and Bosworth Borough Council
APPLICATION NUMBER	24/01066/FUL
ADDRESS	Land West Of Westfield Avenue Earl Shilton Leicestershire
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Erection of 18 dwellings with associated access, car parking, landscaping and drainage
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Matt Jedruch
DEPARTMENT	Ecology
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Nikki Morton
DATE OF COMMENTS	02/03/2025
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">I have reviewed the Ecological Appraisal (FPCR November 2024) and the Biodiversity Net Gain report (FPCR, December 2023)The Statutory Metric has also now been submitted (16.01.25)	
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION PROVIDED:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">The recommendations are acceptable with regards to protected species and biodiversity net gain	
BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG) SPECIFIC COMMENTS:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mandatory biodiversity net gain applies to the development.The biodiversity net gain calculations are acceptable and there is a loss of habitat units. It is understood that the units required will be purchased through a Habitat Bank.	
FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">N/A	
AMENDMENTS RECOMMENDED:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">N/A	
RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:	

- The mandatory Biodiversity Gain Plan condition applies to the development.
- Prior to commencement of development, full details of a scheme for the location of bat roosting and bird nesting features to be integrated into buildings and suitable hedgehog gaps in boundary features shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Thereafter and prior to the occupation of any dwelling hereby permitted features shall be installed on the site in accordance with the approved details. Photographs of the integrated bird and bat boxes and hedgehog gaps within the new dwellings should be provided in order to discharge this condition.

RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:

- N/A

RECOMMENDED SECTION 106 REQUIREMENT (standard clause, contribution amount, trigger for payment)

- There is significant on-site enhancements and off-site enhancements are required therefore these need to be legally secured for 30 years.

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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