

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council
APPLICATION NUMBER	24/01092/FUL
ADDRESS	Camp Site Gopsall Hall Farm Gopsall Estate Twycross Atherstone
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	10 glamping pods with external covered decking areas, new access and parking, installation of new private package treatment plant, soakaway, reinstatement of a former pond and associated works
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Joe Fleetwood
DEPARTMENT	Ecology
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Kirsten Hunter
DATE OF COMMENTS	7 th January 2025
SUMMARY RESPONSE:	
No comment	
No objection	✓
Recommend Refusal	
Holding Objection - Further information required	
Condition recommended	✓
Informative recommended	
SUMMARY OF ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED:	
• Biodiversity Metric Calculation; • Site Location Plan; • Proposed Layout Plan - 240219-02-02; and • Ecological Appraisal by Learn Ecology, Oct 2024	
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION PROVIDED:	
• Ecological Appraisal is thorough and provides suitable detail, with survey work undertaken at optimal time of year for grassland surveys by appropriately experienced ecologists. The recommendations given within the report should be carried out to best practise guidance. • As recommended in the Ecological Appraisal, a Construction Environmental Management Plan for biodiversity (CEMP: Biodiversity) should be conditioned to ensure biodiversity is safeguarded through the construction process and include precautionary methods of working presented in the Ecological Appraisal.	
BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG) specific comments:	

- The BNG Metric indicates a net gain is achievable with the proposed landscape scheme. The landscape scheme is feasible and follows the mitigation hierarchy in retaining boundary vegetation and retaining existing other neutral grassland for enhancement. - Baseline existing habitat map and post-development habitat maps are provided within the Ecological Appraisal with details of the landscape plans provided in Proposed Layout Plan - 240219-02-02.
FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED:
AMENDMENTS RECOMMENDED:
RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:
Construction Environmental Management Plan for biodiversity (CEMP: Biodiversity)
RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:
RECOMMENDED SECTION 106 REQUIREMENT (standard clause, contribution amount, trigger for payment)
DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS ONLY: (Please confirm which condition(s) is/are being discharged)

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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