

Appendix 2 – Consultation responses from Red Kite and Morph Ecology on behalf of Leicestershire County Council Ecology



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Site Name	Kyngs Golf And Country Club Station Road Market Bosworth Nuneaton Leicestershire CV13 ONP	Advice Request	Ecology
Planning Ref	23/00508/FUL	Response Deadline	14 th July 2023
Planning Officer	Christopher Brown	Completed By	Dean LeFeuvre BSC MCIEEM
Date of Request	26 th June 2023	Date of Issue	17 th July 2023

Stance: Object.

Dear Chris,

I am writing in respect of ecological matters for the above application advice request regarding the proposed erection of 9 single storey holiday lodges with vehicle parking and associated works.

I note that there has been previous comments relating to ecology provided by Sue Timms, former ecology team manger in February 2022, which requested a number of protected species surveys (e.g. badger, great crested newt) accompanied by the provision of a Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) assessment.

I have reviewed the most recent documents on the Hinkley & Bosworth Borough Council's online planning portal, and it would seem that none of the requested information has been submitted to support the application. Since the original comments were made, new guidance on the requirement for providing BNG has been issued, which states that small sites (<1ha) with less than 10 dwellings are exempt from BNG requirements until February 2024. So on this occasion BNG will no longer be required for this Site and its current proposals. However, the outstanding protected species surveys will still be required to determine the impacts and provide appropriate mitigation, therefore I recommended refusal until such information is provided.

In the first instance, I would advise that a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) is undertaken, which will highlight any potential impacts upon designated sites or protected species (e.g. badgers, great crested newt etc) within the locality of the site. A list of consultants able to do this work is available via the CIEEM website here: <https://events.cieem.net/RegisteredPracticeDirectory/Registered-Practice-Directory.aspx>

Yours sincerely,

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APP/K2420/W/24/3337087 - Kyngs Golf and Country Club, Market Bosworth



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To  Matt Jedruch

Cc  Sarah Postlethwaite;  Jennifer Lucas

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Tue 26/03/2024 13:05

Good afternoon Matt,

Sarah and Dean are both away at the moment so I've taken a look at the PEA produced by Arbtech January 2024. The report recommends further survey work in the form of a desk study and great crested newt eDNA assessments. Therefore these should be carried out prior to determination.

Should the applicant wish to go down a district level licencing route, as further surveys would not be required for this approach, further information on the scheme can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/great-crested-newts-district-level-licensing-schemes-for-developers>. An enquiry to Natural England will need to be made. To ensure compliance with this scheme, the applicant needs to submit a copy of their Impact Assessment and Conservation Payment Certificate (IACPC), which has been countersigned by Natural England, to the LPA prior to determination. Alternatively the further surveys will be required.

In either instance the desk study information will still need to be added within the report so the consultant can finalise their evaluations.

Kind regards,

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