

Site Name	Gatehouse Lodges Cadeby Lane Cadeby Leicestershire	Advice Request	Ecology
Planning Ref	23/00927/FUL	Response Deadline	7 th November 2023
Planning Officer	David Spring	Completed By	Dean LeFeuvre
Date of Request	17 th October 2023	Date of Issue	2 nd November 2023

Stance: No objections.

Dear David,

I am writing in respect of ecological matters for the above application advice request regarding the change of use of land from agricultural to sui generis (siting of caravans, motorhomes and tents on serviced hard standing and grass pitches) (Retrospective).

I have reviewed the following documents on the Hinkley & Bosworth Borough Council's online planning portal.

- **Site Location Plan, Site Plan, Layout, Facilities proposed, Aerial View, and Planning Statement.**

I have also consulted Leicestershire and Rutland Environmental Records Centre (LRERC) for existing protected species data and designated sites within the locality, which may incur potential impacts depending on the proposals. None of which have been identified.

When reviewing the document titled 'Aerial View' along with Google Pro historic imagery off the site, it would appear that prior to the change of land use, it was agriculture grassland of limited biodiversity value. When comparing past aerial images against the current development of the Site, its considered unlikely that any habitats of ecological importance have been lost as a result, especially as the existing hedgerow remains. It would also appear from the latest aerial view that additional boundary planting has been included, which connects with existing boundary vegetation within the wider site.

As there has been no ecological supporting information submitted prior to the completed development, its not possible to ascertain if a wildlife offence has been committed. However, given the above findings this is considered unlikely. I have no holding objections to this retrospective planning application and no further comments to make.

Yours sincerely,



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On behalf of Leicestershire County Council (Ecology Team)



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