

Site Name	Land Adjacent To Hinckley Rugby Club Leicester Road Hinckley Leicestershire	Advice Request	Ecology
Planning Ref	23/01135/FUL	Response Deadline	22 nd December 2023
Planning Officer	Alex Jelley	Completed By	Dean LeFeuvre
Date of Request	5 th December 2023	Date of Issue	13 th December 2023

Stance: No objections.

Dear Alex,

I am writing in respect of ecological matters for the above application advice request regarding the proposed construction of two storey boxing gym with associated parking, outdoor activity areas and landscaping. I have reviewed the following documents on the Hinkley & Bosworth Borough Council's online planning portal.

- **OS Map and Block Plan - Drg No. 4594/HOEB/21/001 P5, Proposed Site Plan - Drg No. 4594/HOEB/21/100 P7, Proposed Site Plan Showing Access - Drg No. 4594/HOEB/21/101 P4, and Proposed Elevations - Drg No. 4594/HOEB/21/120 P5.**

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.

To proposed structure and associated hard landscaping is located within an existing cricket ground with very shortly managed amenity grassland of little ecological value. The proposals have been designed to incorporate existing pockets of vegetation with very little impacts occurring other than to the existing grassland and a small number of small trees.

I therefore have no holding objections to the proposals. However I would request that a technical advice note is attached to any approved scheme so that impacts do not occur upon nesting birds as a result of any proposed tree removal works. Any soft landscaping proposals should be of native species and local province. In line with NPPF policy and to provide biodiversity enhancement opportunities, I recommend that 2no bat boxes and 2no bird boxes (either integrated or external) are incorporated into the scheme either on the proposed structure or retained trees. This can form a standard planning condition with the details of the makes, models and locations provided within a drawing/plan submitted to the LPA to discharge the condition.

Yours sincerely,

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