

Site Name	29 Forest Road Hinckley Leicestershire LE10 1HA	Advice Request	Ecology
Planning Ref	23/01128/FUL	Response Deadline	22 nd December 2023
Planning Officer	Joseph Fleetwood	Completed By	Dean LeFeuvre
Date of Request	4 th December 2023	Date of Issue	13 th December 2023

Stance: No objections.

Dear Joe,

I am writing in respect of ecological matters for the above application advice request regarding the proposed erection of a dwelling at 29 Forest Road, Hinckley, Leicestershire, LE10 1HA. I have reviewed the following documents on the Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council's online planning portal.

- **Site Layout Plan and Location Plan AVD-771-FRH-PL01, Proposed Site Plan and Block Plan AVD-771-FRH-PL02, Existing Elevations AVD-771-FRH-PL03 and Proposed Elevations and Floor Plans AVD-771-FRH-PL04.**

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. This identified that the site is located within a Swift Alert Area, which requires all new developments to provide landscape scale conservation effort for this species.

To facilitate the proposals it will require the demolition of an existing garage structure which I have reviewed using Google Street View and online aerial imagery. The structure is considered very unlikely to support roosting bats. The proposed replacement dwelling will join an existing two-storey property (No.29), but it would appear from reviewing the proposed elevation drawing that the exiting house roof void will not be impacted, also the mortar capping along the edge of the tiles is intact which reduces the likelihood of bats being present, as seen using street view. Therefore I do not deem a specific ecological assessment necessary on this occasion. I have no holding objections to the proposals although I recommend that enhancements for swifts should be provided through the provision of 3no integrated swift nest boxes/bricks on the eastern elevation. This should form a standard planning conditions with a plan/drawing showing the location, makes and models of the boxes/bricks submitted to the LPA for approval and discharge. I have attached an advice note to aid this.

Yours sincerely,



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