



CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

COUNTY, DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
APPLICATION NUMBER	25/01038/HOU
ADDRESS	9 Chapel Hill Groby Leicester Leicestershire LE6 0FE
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Erection of a two storey side extension, including the conversion of garage to a habitable room.
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Sophie Iliffe
DEPARTMENT	Ecology
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Richard Kelly
DATE OF COMMENTS	20 November 2025
ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS REVIEWED:	
• Application Form • Location Plan • Block Plan Existing • Proposed plans	
SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:	
No comment	
No objection (for recommended conditions or informatives- see below)	✓
Recommend Refusal	
Holding Objection - Further information required	
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:	
• The proposal is for the erection of a double- and single-story extension including conversion of the garage. The application site is situated in an urban setting within Groby surrounded by vegetated gardens, trees and other houses. • The site is currently a well-maintained house with no missing or slipped tiles. The proposal will have limited ecological effects and therefore no objections and no further action is required. • It must be noted; the application site is situated in a swift alert area where known populations of swifts are recorded breeding.	

• Biodiversity Enhancements – In accordance with the NPPF (2024) there should be a net gain for biodiversity and NERC Act 2006 a duty for public authorities to conserve and enhance biodiversity. It is therefore, recommended that 2 x swift bricks are incorporated within the development. Please see recommended Conditions. BNG Specific • Mandatory BNG does not apply as the application is a ‘householder application’.
ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:
• Swift Boxes - No development shall take place until a swift (<i>Apus apus</i>) enhancement scheme has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. This is to detail the provision of a minimum of 2 woodcrete nest boxes, the make/model and location on building. All works are to proceed strictly in accordance with the approved scheme.
ANY RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:
• N/A

Note for applicants: Please be aware that this advice is provided to the Local Planning Authority through a Service Level Agreement between the Local Planning Authority and Leicestershire County Council Ecology Team. Its purpose is to discharge the legal duties of the determining authority under The Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) Regulations (2000), Regulations 4.

If you have any queries about the content, 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 to the determining authority.

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.

