

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinkley & Bosworth Borough Council	
APPLICATION NUMBER	24/01069/FUL	
ADDRESS	31 Newbold Road Kirkby Mallory Leicester Leicestershire LE9 7QG	
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling and garage (Self-Build)	
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Joe Fleetwood	
DEPARTMENT	Ecology	
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Dean LeFeuvre	
DATE OF COMMENTS	18/12/2024	
SUMMARY RESPONSE:		
No comment		
No objection		✓
Recommend Refusal		
Holding Objection - Further information required		
SUMMARY OF ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED:		
Preliminary Bat Roost Assessment and Nocturnal Bat Surveys The submitted ecology report completed by RammSanderson Ecology Ltd dated November 2024 is satisfactory. The assessment determined that the structures to be demolished to facilitate the proposals did not contain an active bat roost. However, given that historic evidence of roosting was recorded, a recommendation relating to B1 during demolition suggested a Precautionary Method of Works (PMW) to proceed. This means that the roof of B1 should be dismantled by hand, under the observation of a suitably experienced ecologist. A sensitive lighting strategy sympathetic to nocturnal fauna should be followed during the construction and operational phases.		
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION PROVIDED:		
N/A		
PROTECTED SPECIES FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED:		
N/A		
BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG)		
FURTHER INFORMATION IS REQUIRED REGARDING:		
Incomplete or incorrect cells in the statutory metric		N/A

Incomplete or incorrect UK Hab or condition assessment information	N/A
Final pre-development habitat value	N/A
How post-development BNG land will be secured for 30 years	N/A
Description of irreplaceable habitat	N/A
Description of degradation	N/A
BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG) SPECIFIC COMMENTS:	
N/A	
DATE PROVIDED ON STATUTORY METRIC ONCE REVIEWED AND AGREED (for decision notice purposes):	N/A
ANY RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:	
N/A	
ANY RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:	
Breeding Birds - Where possible, building works and any associated vegetation removal should be undertaken outside the core bird nesting season (1st March to 31st August - though it should be noted that variation in dates is possible, for example from geographical variations in climate, or due to a particularly mild winter) to avoid damage or destruction of occupied nests or harm to breeding birds. If this cannot be achieved, works within the core bird nesting season will require an inspection for breeding birds and their occupied nests by a suitably qualified ecologist no more than 24 hours prior to any works being undertaken. If any nesting birds are identified during the survey, they will be left in situ for their entire nesting period. This will include leaving an exclusion zone around the nests to avoid disturbance, and no works should take place within that exclusion zone until the chicks have hatched and fledged.	
DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS ONLY:	
(Please confirm which condition(s) is/are being discharged)	
N/A	

Note for applicants: Please be aware that this specialist advice is provided to the Local Planning Authority through a Service Level Agreement between the Local Planning Authority and Leicestershire County Council.

If you have any queries about this advice, 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 as part of this service.

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.