

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council	
APPLICATION NUMBER	24/00923/HOU	
ADDRESS	Willow Farm Fenn Lanes Fenny Drayton Nuneaton Leicestershire CV13 6BJ	
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Erection of a single storey extension	
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Richard Wright	
DEPARTMENT	Ecology	
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	Jemma Bett	
DATE OF COMMENTS	14/11/2024	
SUMMARY RESPONSE:		
No comment		
No objection		✓
Recommend Refusal		
Holding Objection - Further information required		
Condition recommended		
Informative recommended		✓
SUMMARY OF ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED:		
• The proposed development consists of a single storey extension at the rear of the existing dwelling. • The surrounding habitat appears to be mainly agricultural with the presence of small ponds. • However, the proposed extension is to be sited on what seems to be existing hard standing, with no impact to the roof line of the existing dwelling. • Therefore, the proposed development is likely to have minimal impact on local ecology and no ecological surveys are required. • However, due to good connectivity to the surrounding habitats the below informative should be attached to any permission.		
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION PROVIDED:		
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BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG) SPECIFIC COMMENTS:		
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FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED:		

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AMENDMENTS RECOMMENDED:
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RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:
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RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:
Great Crested Newts, a species fully protected by law, are known to breed in a pond within 200m of the proposed development, with several potential GCN ponds nearby, therefore there is a small possibility that a newt, or small numbers of newts could be present on the site. The applicant should therefore exercise due care during implementation of the proposed development, ensuring that all contractors are aware of the possibility of finding great crested newts, and stored materials are carefully removed by hand. Work should cease if a great crested newt is found, and advice from a licensed ecologist should be sought.
RECOMMENDED SECTION 106 REQUIREMENT (standard clause, contribution amount, trigger for payment)
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DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS ONLY: (Please confirm which condition(s) is/are being discharged)
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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.
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