

**CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:**

**ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE**

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| <b>DISTRICT OR BOROUGH</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council               |
| <b>APPLICATION NUMBER</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 24/00926/HOU                                        |
| <b>ADDRESS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 9 Barlestone Drive Hinckley Leicestershire LE10 0XZ |
| <b>DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Single storey rear and two storey side extension.   |
| <b>PLANNING CASE OFFICER</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Richard Wright                                      |
| <b>DEPARTMENT</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                     |
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| <b>PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                     |
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| <b>DATE OF COMMENTS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                     |
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| <b>SUMMARY RESPONSE:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                     |
| <b>No comment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                     |
| <b>No objection</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                     |
| <b>Recommend Refusal</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                     |
| <b>Holding Objection - Further information required</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | ✓                                                   |
| <b>Condition recommended</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                     |
| <b>Informative recommended</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                     |
| <b>SUMMARY OF ECOLOGICAL DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The proposed development consists of the demolition of the existing utility and removal of the single storey roof, to create a single storey rear and two storey side extension.</li> <li>The site has good connectivity to nearby suitable habitat and mature trees which are sited in the local park. There is good connectivity to the larger landscape consisting of agricultural land and the nearby Battling Brook watercourse. Therefore, could provide suitable foraging and good connectivity routes for bats.</li> <li>However, the proposed two storey extension ties into a section of the existing roof, affecting the existing roof line, and removal of the existing utility, both of which may provide access and suitability for roosting bats.</li> <li>Therefore, the submission of a Preliminary Roost Assessment (PRA) will be required on the existing dwelling prior to commencement. The survey will need to be carried out by a suitably licenced ecologist and can be carried out at any time of year.</li> <li>I have a holding objection until this is supplied.</li> </ul> |                                                     |
| <b>REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION PROVIDED:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                     |
| <b>BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG) SPECIFIC COMMENTS:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                     |

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| <b>FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED:</b>                                                                                                                                     |
| • Submission of a Preliminary Roost Assessment (PRA), including suitable photographs of both the existing dwelling and utility, in order to make further considerations. |
| <b>AMENDMENTS RECOMMENDED:</b>                                                                                                                                           |
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| <b>RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:</b>                                                                                                                             |
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| <b>RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:</b>                                                                                                                           |
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| <b>RECOMMENDED SECTION 106 REQUIREMENT</b> (standard clause, contribution amount, trigger for payment)                                                                   |
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| <b>DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS ONLY:</b><br>(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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| National Planning Policy Framework                                                                      | Paragraphs relevant to biodiversity, biodiversity net gain, ecological connectivity and protected species                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Environment Act 2021                                                                                    | Mandatory Net Gain<br>Biodiversity Duty<br>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)<br>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.<br>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. |

