

CONSULTATION TEMPLATE RESPONSE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

ECOLOGY AND BIODIVERSITY PLANNING ADVICE

DISTRICT OR BOROUGH	Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
APPLICATION NUMBER	24/00416/FUL
ADDRESS	The Fulford Bosworth Road Osbaston Nuneaton Leicestershire CV13 0HT
DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	Construction of a new self-build dwelling.
PLANNING CASE OFFICER	Satbir Jandu
DEPARTMENT	
	Ecology
PLANNING ECOLOGY OFFICER	
	Dale Devereaux
DATE OF COMMENTS	
	30/05/24
SUMMARY RESPONSE:	
No comment	
No objection	
Recommend Refusal	
Holding Objection - Further information required	☒
Condition recommended	
Informative recommended	
REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION PROVIDED:	
- The Preliminary Bat Inspection (C.B.E. Consulting, March 2024) is acceptable. It identified the building as having low suitability for roosting bats and recommended one nocturnal survey, as per best practice guidelines. - Given the good quality bat foraging and commuting habitat surrounding the site, this is acceptable. - I have a holding objection pending the results a single bat activity survey carried out between May and August	
BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG) specific comments:	
- As a self-build application, the proposed development is exempt from the statutory BNG condition. However, all applications are required to demonstrate a measurable net gain in biodiversity as per the NPPF. - Suitable enhancements should be informed by subsequent ecology reports and included in plans prior to development.	

FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED:
- The results of a single nocturnal survey should be submitted prior to determination. - If bats are identified to be roosting in the building, further 'roost classification' surveys may be required prior to determination, and a European protected Species Licence obtained prior to works commencing.
AMENDMENTS RECOMMENDED:
N/A
RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS TO BE APPLIED:
N/A
RECOMMENDED INFORMATIVES TO BE APPLIED:
N/A
RECOMMENDED SECTION 106 REQUIREMENT (standard clause, contribution amount, trigger for payment)
N/A
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
NPPF Dec 2023	Paras 8, 180, 181, 185, 186, 187, 188
Environment Act 2021	Mandatory Net Gain Biodiversity Duty Local Nature Recovery Strategy
District or Borough Local Plan and supporting SPD's	Local Plan policy reference:
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.

