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| <b>Site Name</b>        | The Moorings Ibstock Road<br>Odstone Hinckley<br>Leicestershire LE10 0QG | <b>Advice Request</b>    | Ecology                      |
| <b>Planning Ref</b>     | 24/00747/HOU                                                             | <b>Response Deadline</b> | 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2024 |
| <b>Planning Officer</b> | Grant Perks                                                              | <b>Completed By</b>      | Dean LeFeuvre                |
| <b>Date of Request</b>  | 9 <sup>th</sup> August 2024                                              | <b>Date of Issue</b>     | 23 <sup>rd</sup> August 2024 |

**Stance: Object.**

Dear Grant,

I am writing in respect of ecological matters for the above application advice request regarding the proposed two storey rear extension, entrance porch, double garage and new access driveway.

I have reviewed the following documents on the Hinkley & Bosworth Borough Council's online planning portal.

- **Site Location Plan, Drg No. 297 PL-01, Existing Floor Plans, Elevations, Drg No. 297 PL-02, and Proposed Floor Plans, Elevations, Site Plan, Drg No. 297 PL-03B.**

I have also consulted Leicestershire and Rutland Environmental Records Centre (LRERC) for existing protected species data and designated sites within the locality, which may incur potential impacts depending on the proposals. This identified a number of protected species records within the immediate surrounding area, including bat roosts and bird records.

Due to the proposed extension of the structure on site, additional information is required in relation to roosting bats and breeding birds. In the absence of this additional information (detailed below) I recommend refusal since it is not possible to conclude that the proposal will not cause an offence under The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.

For any planning application triggering the need for a bat survey, the following documents should be submitted to allow determination of the application:

1. A Preliminary Roost Assessment and any further surveys recommended by the licensed ecologist (e.g. Presence/Absence Survey and Roost Characterisation Survey).
2. A site plan showing any mitigation and enhancements being offered for bats (e.g. bat box locations, bat loft locations with measurements and internal details).
3. A lighting plan showing location and specification for any proposed lights on the site. The lighting plan should reflect the Bat Conservation Trust's Bats and Lighting in the U.K. guidance.

All bat surveys should be carried out by an experienced, licensed ecologist and in accordance with the

Good Practice Guidelines. Mitigation should be designed in line with Natural England's & CIEEMs Bat Mitigation Guidelines. Any deviation from the methods, level or timing of surveys set out in the Good Practice Guidelines should be accompanied by a reasoned evidence statement from the licensed ecologist carrying out the survey clarifying how the sub-optimal survey is ecologically valid.

A list of consultants able to do this work is available on the CIEEM website here: <https://events.cieem.net/RegisteredPracticeDirectory/Registered-Practice-Directory.aspx>.

The applicant should always check or request that the ecologist they select has the relevant protected species survey licences issued by Natural England. Without a valid survey licence, the report provided by an ecologist will not be considered adequate by the Local Planning Authority in accordance with the latest 2023 BCT guidelines.

Yours sincerely,



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**On behalf of Leicestershire County Council (Ecology Team)**