

Site Name	Church Farm Station Road Elmesthorpe LE9 7SG	Advice Request	Ecology
Planning Ref	23/0610/OUT	Response Deadline	12 th September 2023
Planning Officer	Stephen Dukes	Completed By	Dean LeFeuvre BSc MCIEEM
Date of Request	22 nd August 2023	Date of Issue	4 th September 2023

Stance: Object.

Dear Stephen,

I am writing in respect of ecological matters for the above application advice request regarding an application for the proposed outline application for residential development of three dwellings with associated infrastructure (layout, scale and means of access for approval).

I have reviewed the following documents on the Blaby Borough Council's online planning portal.

- **Drawing and Design and access statement.**


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. The search identified that the proposed development site sits within a great crested newt risk zone due to the close proximity of records and waterbodies.

No ecological appraisal has been submitted as part of the application, which is required at this stage, before any decision is made. It cannot be left to reserved matters stage as plans may need to change to accommodate protected species mitigation or biodiversity enhancements. Therefore I would advise that this application is delayed until the following information has been submitted:

- Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) - This needs to include a UKHabs survey, protected species survey, as well as an assessment of impacts and proposed mitigation and enhancement measures. Any recommendations will need to be incorporated into the submitted plans.

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

Yours sincerely,



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