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Dear James,

RE: Nesting Bird Surveys at The Former Police Station, Plant Hill Road, Blackley M9 8XL

Introduction and Rationale for Survey

This letter details the results of the nesting bird survey completed at the above site to facilitate the removal of vegetation during the bird nesting season[1].

Survey Method and Survey Limitations

The nesting bird survey was carried out on 22nd August 2024 by Chris Swindells B.Sc. (Hons). Weather conditions were sunny with a light breeze (Beaufort scale 2) and an air temperature of 18°C.

All areas of vegetation to be affected were accessible and the survey was completed under suitable conditions. No survey limitations were experienced.

The nesting bird survey involved a combination of watching for birds exhibiting nesting behaviour (carrying nest material and food), listening for territorial calls indicative of nesting, and actively searching the vegetation for nests and potential nest sites.

Results of Survey and Guidance

No active nests or bird activity to indicate the presence of an active nest was detected at the site. It is understood works will commence on Friday 23rd August 2024. Note that if works have not commenced by Thursday 29th August an updated check will be required.

All contractors must be advised on the possibility of the detection of nesting birds; if any active bird nests are discovered or suspected, then work in that area must cease and the ecologist must be contacted immediately.

I trust this letter is of assistance. Please contact me if you have any queries.

[1] All wild birds and their nests are protected under the *Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981* (as amended) whilst the nest is active (this includes nest building). If clearance works are scheduled at habitat suitable for use by nesting birds within the bird nesting season (between March and August inclusive) a nesting bird survey is required to inform the works.

Yours sincerely,



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