

REPORT OF NESTING BIRD SURVEY

Site Address: Land at Coverdale Crescent, Ardwick, Manchester M12 4EL

Client Name: Jigsaw Homes Ltd

Reference: Nesting Bird Check

Date: 06/06/2024

Background

Arbtech Consulting Limited was instructed by Jigsaw Homes Ltd to undertake a Nesting Bird Check at Land at Coverdale Crescent, Ardwick, Manchester M12 4EL (hereafter referred to as “the site”).

The survey was required to ensure no nesting birds would be impacted by the removal of trees on site, in line with the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), which makes it an offence to intentionally take, damage or destroy a wild bird's eggs or its nest while it's being used or built or to kill or injure wild birds. Schedule 1 bird species are afforded additional protection whereby it is an offence to intentionally or recklessly disturb any wild bird listed on Schedule 1 while it is nest building, or at a nest containing eggs or young, or disturbs the dependent young of such a bird.

Survey Methodology

The nesting bird check survey was completed by Anna Andrejczyk and Abigail Lawal on 5th June 2024.

The trees on site were observed from ground level with the aid of binoculars between 06:30 and 09:30, during suitable weather for bird activity, prior to any significant disturbance of the site. The surveyors positioned and repositioned themselves at intervals to enable full coverage of the trees on site, whilst ensuring that no disturbance to nesting activity would occur. The surveyor was looking for:

- Birds flying repeatedly to and from the nest
- Birds carrying nesting material to the nest
- Birds carrying food to the nest
- Chicks calling from the nest
- Young poking their heads out of the box/nest
- Young leaving the box/nest when they are ready to fledge

Limitations

No specific limitations.

Results and Discussion

No evidence of nesting birds was found on site during the survey.

Magpie foraging and various birds (greenfinch, blackbird, robin) were observed commuting along the southern treeline.

Birdsong was heard throughout the survey from within the site and surrounding habitat.

No other activity on site was noted.

Photos



Recommendations

The removal the hedgerows and trees along the northern and eastern boundaries of the site can commence as planned within 48hrs of the check, however if an active nest is found during works, the nest will need to be retained until the young have fledged. Precautions should be taken with machinery and noise levels when working close to any retained nests so as not to disturb any nearby nesting birds during construction works. At least a 5m buffer should be created between any machinery and active nests until the young have fledged.

A precautionary working method is also required to ensure surrounding habitats within influencing distance of the development will not be impacted. This includes but is not limited to lighting mitigation, secure waste disposal, and adequate boundaries during site works.

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