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F.A.O Dave Knight,

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Dear Dave,

Re. The Avenue, Didsbury, Manchester M20 2ET– Nesting Bird Check

Background

EPS Ltd was commissioned by Bridgestone Construction Ltd to undertake a nesting bird check prior to vegetation removal at The Avenue, Didsbury, Manchester, M20 2ET. All nesting birds are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) against destruction of an active nest during the bird nesting season¹, which falls between March and August inclusive. As tree removal is proposed within the nesting season, the nesting bird check was commissioned as a precautionary measure. This letter details the findings of the inspection.

Methodology

The survey was undertaken by ecologist Nick Carter on the 30th April 2024. The trees and vegetation were observed from all sides using a range of suitable vantage points with the objective of identifying any bird nesting activity. Such activity may include birds carrying nesting material, food or faecal sacs, or repeated visits to a nest site. Binoculars were used to view bird species and activity more clearly. Survey conditions were dry and clear with good visibility. No limitations affected the survey.

Results

Three species were recorded on or in the site on the day of the survey, including Bluetit *Cyanistes caeruleus*, Robin *Erithacus rubecula*, and Blackbird *Turdus merula*. Bird species recorded on the day of survey are detailed in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Bird Species Recorded at the Time of Survey

Common Name	Latin Name	BoCC Status
Bluetit	<i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i>	Green
Robin	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	Green
Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	Green

¹ See www.legislation.gov.uk/ for full legislation details

² Eaton MA, Brown AF, Noble DG, Musgrove AJ, Hearn R, Aebischer NJ, Gibbons DW, Evans A and Gregory RD. (2015) Birds of Conservation Concern 3: the population status of birds in the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. British Birds, 102, 296–341.



Conclusion and Recommendations

No active bird nests were recorded at the time of survey. Tree removal was undertaken within 24 hours of the survey and no further checks are required. If you have any queries or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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