

29th August 2023

Our Ref: P.1904.23

Lee Worrell
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Dear Mr Worrell,

Re: Nesting Bird Survey, Longhurst Road, Blackley, Manchester M9 8NS

Following receipt of your instructions, the above site was attended on 29th August 2023 by Mrs Liz Kenyon BSc (Hons) to carry out a nesting bird check on the trees that is present throughout the site that will be removed to accommodate the development proposals. Weather conditions were mild (13°C) with a F0, Beaufort scale calm, ²/₈ cloud cover and dry at the start of the inspection.

These weather conditions were suitable for assessing if any nesting birds were present within the trees and scrub. The trees could be assessed fully from ground level with the aid of close focusing binoculars during the inspection. The weather conditions and time of year the survey was carried out is not considered a limit to the conclusions of the letter report.

The trees that are to be removed were observed from various vantage points by Liz Kenyon. Following the observation, the trees were then searched for active nests. All trees due to be removed to accommodate the works could be fully accessed and observed throughout the survey and it is not considered a limitation to the conclusions of this letter report.

The trees in question are shown on the following photographs.

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Photograph 1: Elder tree to the west of the site.



Photograph 2: Sycamore trees to the western sector of the site.

Results

A very **low** level of bird activity was noted on the site and no active nests were observed. The majority of the bird activity occurred within offsite trees to the south of the site within St. Andrews Church grounds. Bird species observed included blackbird, wood pigeon, magpie, great tit, robin and crow. Chiff chaff we also noted resting within the elder on site und using the tree to move between the site and the wilder landscape.

Conclusions

There was a very **low** level of bird activity on the site and no active nests were located. Birds were noted resting within offsite trees and flying over the site to surrounding habitats.

Due to the time of year and the bird activity on the site, the survey is valid for 48 hours from the date of the survey being carried out. If further vegetation clearance works are required within the bird nesting period March to August inclusive; a further breeding bird survey will be required to be conducted by a suitably qualified ecologist.

Yours sincerely

Liz Kenyon

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