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Safeguarding Protected species

Brigham Street, Manchester, M11 2JH

Reference - Preliminary Ecological Appraisal Land at Brigham Street, Manchester, M11 2JH dated November 2022 Ref: P.1592.22

The below report makes reference to the recommendations and requirements within the above ecological survey, and identifies measures to be implement during construction to protect and safeguard the protected species noted within.

Pre-start

- Vegetation clearance to take place outside of nesting season (1st March – 31st August)
- Works to commence on/before October 2023, should works be delays an additional survey will be undertaken
- Prior to commencing works a site walkover by a competent person will take place to check for further activity on site other then those noted within the report

During/completion.

- Scatter shrubs shall be removed by hand and in accordance with badger and hedgehog avoidance method statement (see page 2-4)
- Construction of new boundary fences shall include a 13cm x 13cm clearly marked hedgehog access at the end of each garden to facilitate free access through the site
- Cotoneaster has been identified on site, upon commencement these plants will be identified and removed using mechanical methods as follows
    - Young seedlings will be pulled and st9ockpiled on terram
    - Large clumps/rooted plants will be excavated and stockpiled
    - Material will be removed and sent to licenses landfill as controlled waste
- Include for the Provision of 3 bird boxes (25mm and 32mm entrance hole box, house sparrow terrace, swift box), attached to or integrated within new buildings on site
- Include for the Provision of 3 bat features(e.g. Vivara Pro WoodStone Bat box or similar) attached to a retained tree on site or provision of a bat box (e.g. Vivara bat bricks or ‘bird brick houses’ bat boxes) integrated within new buildings.
- Landscaping design shall be undertaken by a landscape architect and where possible will include species that provide a food or shelter resource to wildlife to include hawthorn, hazel, holly, blackthorn, field maple, dog rose and honeysuckle as hedgerow species and oak, alder, field maple, silver birch, crab apple, rowan and bird cherry as tree species together with implementing a relaxed mowing regime and establishing wildflowers in these areas

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Hedgehog and Badger reasonable avoidance measures method statement.

Site; Brigham Street, Manchester, M11 2JH

Client; One Manchester, Lovell house, 6 Archway, Hulme, Manchester, M15 5RN

Background

The site is a square patch of grassland, with some small trees and a small section of shrubs to the south of the site. A preliminary ecology survey identified some potential opportunities for badgers and hedgehogs, this method statement covers the clearance of the vegetation.

Once the areas are removed, construction activities are unlikely to affect hedgehogs and badgers as the site will be unsuitable and any resident animals will have been removed.

Legal Protection

- Badgers and their setts are legally protected from intentional cruelty and from the results of lawful human activities. The legislation, **The Protection of Badgers Act 1992**, has provided badgers with unrivalled protection under the law.
- Hegdehogs are listed on schedule 6 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981) which makes it illegal to kill or capture wild hedgehogs, with certain methods listed
- they are also listed under the Wild Mammals Protection Act (1996), which prohibits cruel treatment of hedgehogs
- a species of 'principal importance' under the NERC Act, which is meant to confer a 'duty of responsibility' to public bodies

The site

The scattered trees, scattered scrub, semi-improved grassland and tall ruderal habitats within the site provide some foraging and shelter habitat for badger and other small mammal species such as hedgehog. Snuffle holes (TN1) were identified within the north of the site. No other evidence of badger or hedgehog was identified within the site during the survey.



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Method statement

Rationale

1. Due to the presence of suitable habitats for badgers and hedgehogs on site, and records from the wider area, this reasonable avoidance measures method statement must be adhered to for the duration of works.

1.1 Reason – to prevent harm to badgers and hedgehogs, and to help sustain their populations locally.

Potential impacts

2.0 The potential impacts or ways that badgers and hedgehogs could be harmed on site during vegetation clearance and demolition are;

They may live in the shrubs and be injured or disturbed when these are cleared

They may shelter in stored materials on site and be injured or disturbed when these are moved

They may fall into and become trapped in excavations, Pits or ditches, or drown if these are water filled.

2.1 This method statement aims to address these potential impacts

Timeline

3.0 Site clearance activities are planned to commence on site in October 2023 and last 1 week. The vegetation clearance will be before hedgehog hibernation period (starting early November).

Before works

4.0 Undertake a site walkover/inspection of the vegetation prior to commencing, looking for evidence of activity/holes, should any be encountered a suitable ecologist will be appointed to review and monitor activity to check if its live activity.

4.1 Cut all grass down with lawn mower and clear all vegetation by hand prior to major earthworks, stopping works immediately should any suspected activity be noted on site.

4.2 Within 5 days of clearance all vegetation to be stripped from site.

4.3 All earthworks during vegetation strip shall be on a watching brief during works

4.4 All procedures shall be communicated with the site team via a tool box talk.

During works

5.0 Cut all grass down with lawn mower and clear all vegetation by hand prior to major earthworks, stopping works immediately should any suspected activity be noted on site.

5.1 Within 5 days of clearance all vegetation to be stripped from site.

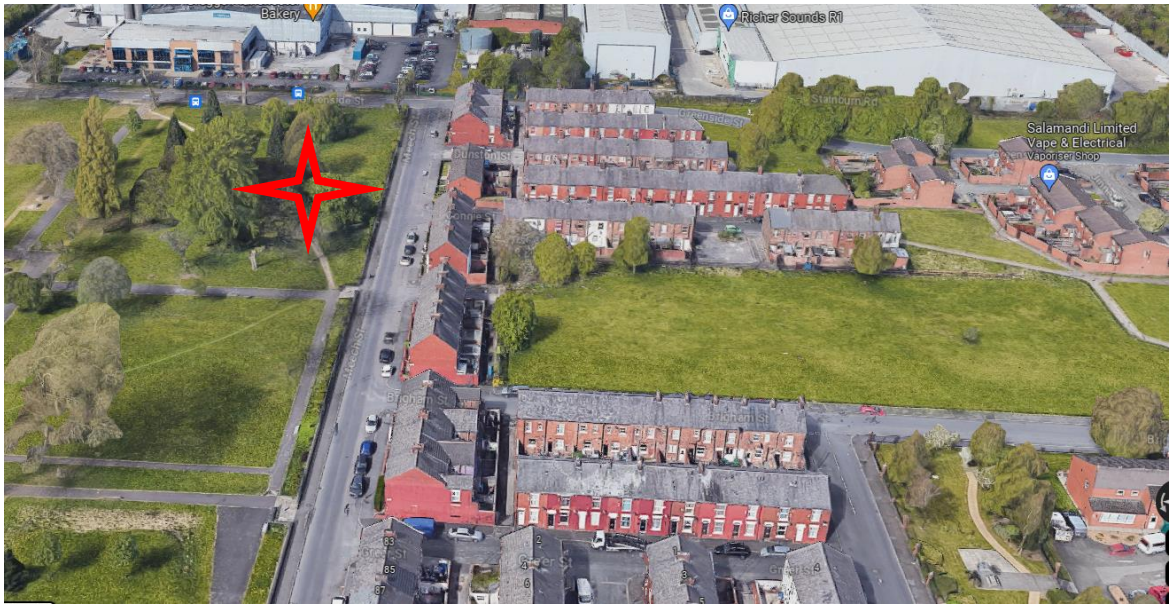
5.2 All works shall be inspected prior to commencing by a competent person

5.3 All materials stored shall be on hardstanding's only

5.4 Any excavations being left overnight shall be either covered and/or splayed at less then 45 degrees to aid escape should an animal fall into the trench.

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5.5 Should a trapped animal be discovered it must be carefully rescued and released at the release site



5.6 Should an animal be harmed is should be taken into care at the local wildlife rescue (people 4 wildlife, 07821 274 889, Dane bank road, Denton, Manchester