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EP Team
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Dear EP Team,

RE: Pre-commencement Mammal Check 24th May 2023 – Condition 4 Land at Barlow Moor Road, Manchester

Further to recent correspondence, and your request for an Ecologist to attend to conduct a pre-commencement mammal check, please find enclosed details of the survey undertaken, the survey results and guidance.

Background

In April 2023, planning was granted subject to conditions for “Installation of a replacement kiosk required to house a new gas governor following demolition of existing including installation of replacement weldmesh palisade fencing” (planning reference 135733/FO/2022) at the site off Barlow Moor Road, Manchester M21 7GZ.

Condition 4 of the planning approval states:

“Prior to any ground works commencing on site, an inspection of the site shall be undertaken by a suitably qualified person to ensure the absence of any mammals from the site. The results of the inspection and details of who undertook them shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the City Council as local planning authority.”

Enzygo Ltd were contacted by Dalcour MacLaren on 23rd May 2023 requesting a Badger/mammal check to be undertaken at the site in advance of proposed ground works commencing.

Methodology

A mammal check covering the whole site and accessible land within a 50m radius was undertaken by a suitably qualified Ecologist to determine if any Badger setts in current use or other mammal holes are present.

Survey Date: Wednesday 24th May 2023

Surveyor: Chris Schofield BSc (Hons) MSc ACIEEM [Senior Ecologist at Enzygo]

Weather Conditions: Dry and clear (0% cloud cover), with a light breeze (Beaufort Scale 2) and 19°C.

The surveyor thoroughly searched all areas of the site and immediate surround for evidence of Badger presence in accordance with current guidance (Harris, 1989), including the presence of any Badger setts, latrines, snuffle holes, footprints, trampled pathways etc. The search extended across the proposed development area and an accessible 50m radius (i.e. did not include private residential gardens adjacent to the site. This search included a search for other mammal holes and evidence (such as Red Fox, Rabbit etc.)

Results and Guidance

It is confirmed that at the time of writing there are **no Badger setts** or other mammal holes at the site or immediate surrounds. It is though noted that vegetation clearance works had been undertaken in advance of this check and therefore any previous evidence of mammal presence may have been concealed.

The proposed development can proceed with a negligible risk of disturbance/destruction of any active Badger sett or killing/injury of Badger or other mammals.

No evidence of any other protected species was identified.

I trust this letter satisfies your requirements.

Please contact me if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'C. Schofield'.

Chris Schofield – Senior Ecologist

Enzygo Ltd