

Condition 21: Protection of Mammals



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Watson will adopt a vigilant approach during construction of the development to the presence of different mammals.

Hedgehogs & other small mammals

In order to protect any hedgehogs or other small mammals present on, or travelling across, the development site, Watson will:

- Limit working hours to daylight hours
- The site management team will undertake morning checks for the presence of hedgehogs and other small mammals
- Where there are open excavations at the end of a working day the site management team will ensure that low angle sloping boards of approximately 300mm wide are provided within excavations to provide a means of escape for any hedgehogs or other small mammals that enter the excavations
- Bulky equipment / general construction materials will be stored in a consistent material storage location to prevent materials / equipment being stored across the development site

Badgers

If a potential badger sett entrance is noted within the site boundary Watson Homes will engage an ecologist so that mitigation can be proposed.

During construction heras fencing will be used to secure the boundary of the development, this fencing will help minimise the chance of badger entry to the development site. The fencing will be maintained throughout construction.

Excavations and piping >200mm in diameter will be fenced / capped overnight to deter badgers from entering. Where excavations cannot be fenced they will be provided with means of escape for animals (e.g. sloping sides / ramps). All excavations will be inspected each morning to ensure no badgers have become trapped overnight. If a badger is found in any excavations an ecologist will be contacted immediately.