



Rochdale Road – Demolition Works – Nesting Bird Protection Method Statement.

Introduction

This document is produced for McGoff Construction Ltd in order to demonstrate the process to ensure compliance with condition 4 of the planning consent as shown below.

4	PD	No demolition works or vegetation clearance shall take place during the optimum period for bird nesting (March - September inclusive) unless nesting birds have been shown to be absent, or, a method statement for the demolition including for the protection of any nesting birds is agreed in writing by the City Council, Local Planning Authority. Any method statement shall then be implemented for the duration of the demolition works.
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Phase 1 Risk Assessment – 2-3 month prior to works commencing

A planned site visit by the project Ecologist will be undertaken in 3 months prior to works by a suitably qualified and experienced ecologist.

The survey will note any bird activity associated with the building and any vegetation associated with it.

The purpose of this visit is to gather information on the potential habitat, the likelihood of birds nesting on the site and establish what birds are in the locality.

Information from this survey can inform any preventative works designed to prevent any potential risk to birds from the proposed works.



Phase 2 - 2 weeks before works commencing.

A planned site visit to survey the site for nesting bird activity prior to works commencing.

Should any bird nesting activity be located- a safeguarding method statement will be developed and agreed in writing with the City Council.

If required a Precautionary Natural England Licence application will be prepared in order to maintain the birds conservation status is maintained during the works.



Phase 3 – 48 hours prior to Demolition

A planned survey to undertake a final check for nesting birds prior to works commencing – Report of findings issued to the developer and the LPA

Any live nest will be mapped, and a safeguard method statement will be agreed with The City Council and Natural England – any safeguarding actions will be undertaken under Natural England Licence.



Demolition Works

Planned for End of February

Survey Personnel – Roy Leigh ACIEEM

Roy is an experienced ornithologist with experience on undertaking bird conservation and monitoring programmes across the Northwest – Roy is the chair of the Cheshire Raptor Study groups – he is a keen bird ringer and holds numerous Schedule One licences.

Relevant Project Experience – Roy has helped facilitate the Manchester Town Hall refurbishment works by surveying and advising relevant mitigation and monitoring particularly Peregrine Falcon and Black Redstart. Roy has also advised on the Rochdale Town Hall refurbishment works, managing the nesting peregrines in order to facilitate the works.