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Precautionary Working Method Statement

Survey site: **Riverpark Road, Manchester, M40 2XP**

Client: Kellen Homes

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Project:

This report is prepared to inform a planning application with **Manchester City Council.** The proposal is described as: *Erection of a residential development comprising 498 dwellings, together with landscaping, sustainable drainage features, pedestrian footways, vehicular accesses and highways, parking provision and other associated works.*

Planning Application Number:

142464/FO/2025

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Introduction

This precautionary working measures statement (PWMS) for mammals, has been prepared for the above-named client to outline measures to be implemented at the above named site.

The purpose of this plan is to ensure the protection and mitigation of ecological receptors, adhere to best practices and industry standards, and provide adequate supervision by licensed professionals. The PWMS also outlines the management frameworks required for the planning and implementation of construction activities that comply with legislation and the environmental commitments.

The below table provides the wider ecological context of the site and details any associated planning conditions.

Site Context and Landscape History	
A detailed description and history is provided in the Ecological Impact Assessment (Enzygo, 2025).	
Planning Conditions	
Condition	*Prior to the commencement of the development, a precautionary working measures method statement for mammals, including badger and hedgehog shall be submitted for approval in writing by the City Council, as Local Planning Authority. The approved document shall be implemented as part of the development.* *Reason - In the interest of having an up-to-date survey for the site and mitigation strategy pursuant to policy EN15 of the Manchester Core Strategy (2012).*

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The below table describes the ecological baseline conditions on site.

Ecological Background Information **Detailed using desk study and site survey.**
The site had a EcIA undertaken by Enzygo on the 31st March 2025, this was accompanied with an Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA) and Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS) completed in April 2025. Additionally, a separate demolition notice (planning reference 141383/DEM/2024) was supported by an EcIA and emergent bat survey (Enzygo, 2024). Habitats identified at the site included - • Buildings • Sealed surfaces • Other broadleaved woodland • Modified grassland • Scattered trees • Bramble scrub This does not include habitats identified outside of the development boundary, in the wider site landscape. Value for protected species on the site includes the following: • **Badgers**- No evidence of badgers was detected on site or within a 50m radius of the site. Localised areas of woodland and scrub associated with the northern railway embankment provide a small extent of suitable habitat, providing connectivity along the rail corridor to more extensive habitat such a deciduous woodland in the locality, albeit a single road would require utilisation on a transient basis to access such habitats further off-site. • **Terrestrial mammals-** Localised areas of woodland and scrub found within the northern railway embankment provide refuge, commuting and foraging opportunities for terrestrial mammals such as hedgehogs, as well as foxes, rabbits and rodents.

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Scope

This Precautionary Working Method Statement (PWMS) outlines construction and ecological measures for the following works:

Erection of a residential development comprising 498 dwellings, together with landscaping, sustainable drainage features, pedestrian footways, vehicular accesses and highways, parking provision and other associated works.

Aims and Objectives

This report aims to detail the measures undertaken to protect badgers and hedgehogs during construction, including a work schedule, maintenance and monitoring.

Limitations

Works have commenced prior to the implementation of a precautionary working measures statement. No evidence of badgers or hedgehogs was noted within the EcIA (Enzygo, 2024) or during the recent site visit. As such it is deemed unlikely that impacts to such species have occurred. Any remaining works will follow the mitigation measures outlined within the report.

Persons Responsible and Lines of Communication

A Development Biodiversity Champion is selected for the construction phase of the development. The Biodiversity Champion will be someone with significant influence during construction, such as the contract, site or project manager. They are responsible for ensuring all actions outlined in this report are implemented. Any queries with regards to the mitigation prescriptions will be addressed to the project ecologist and communication will be retained between the Development Biodiversity Champion and project ecologist throughout the construction phase of the development where necessary to ensure the mitigation is applied and impacts to notable species are effectively minimised. The project ecologist's contact details are located on the title page of this report. It is recommended that the Biodiversity Champion provides updates where necessary.

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The following key personnel are responsible for the management and implementation of works in accordance with the PWMS:

- Site manager
- Main contractor
- Site owners

Construction and Ecological mitigation measures -

Ecological Mitigation Measures	**This table includes any measure required to obtain or comply with planning permission or other consent and to comply with legislation.**
Wildlife Protection – Precautionary Methods of Working-	
Badgers, hedgehogs and other terrestrial mammals	The following recommendations are given in order to mitigate against potential harm to hedgehogs, badgers and other mammalian fauna during the development works. • Any inadvertently injured wildlife found during construction works will be taken to an appropriate local wildlife carer or vet. • Any trenches dug will ideally be backfilled before contractors leave. If this is not possible, they will be covered at night or have a rough sawn plank placed in them to act as a ramp for any wildlife which may fall in. They must be checked for wildlife before backfilling. • Security lighting must be directed away from undergrowth and vegetated site boundaries, including the woodland and scrub found on the northern railway embankment. • Works will be undertaken during daylight hours whereby the provision of artificial lighting is not required to facilitate the works which could disturb nocturnal mammals using adjacent habitats. • Any chemicals or pollutants used or created by the development will be stored and disposed of correctly according to COSHH regulations.

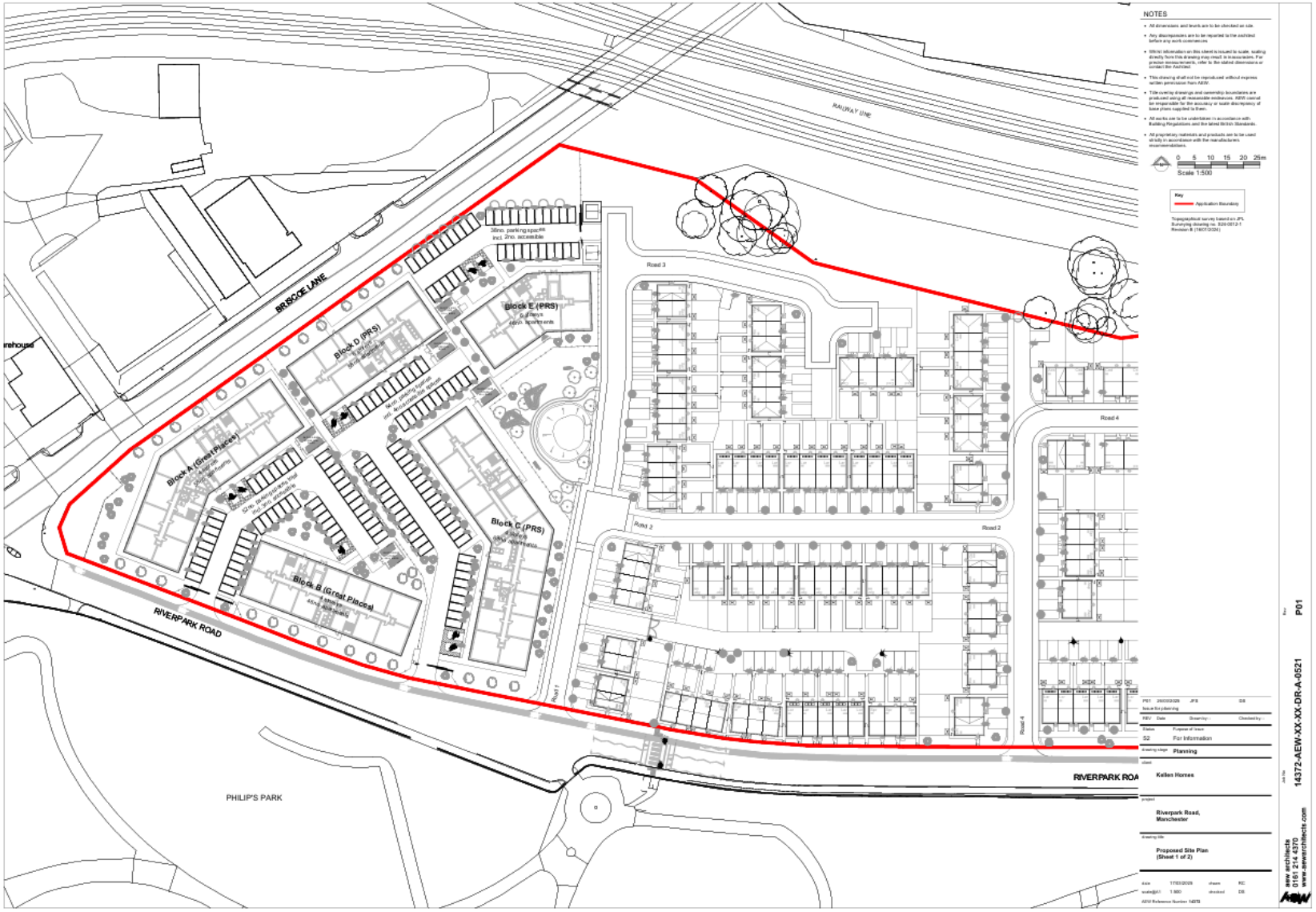
	• Contractors must remain vigilant throughout the works. If any signs of badgers and/or any badger setts are identified within 30m of construction works, works must cease, and advice must be sought from the project ecologist. No works will then commence until these have been confirmed by a suitably qualified ecologist that these are not occupied by badgers.

Compliance and Reporting

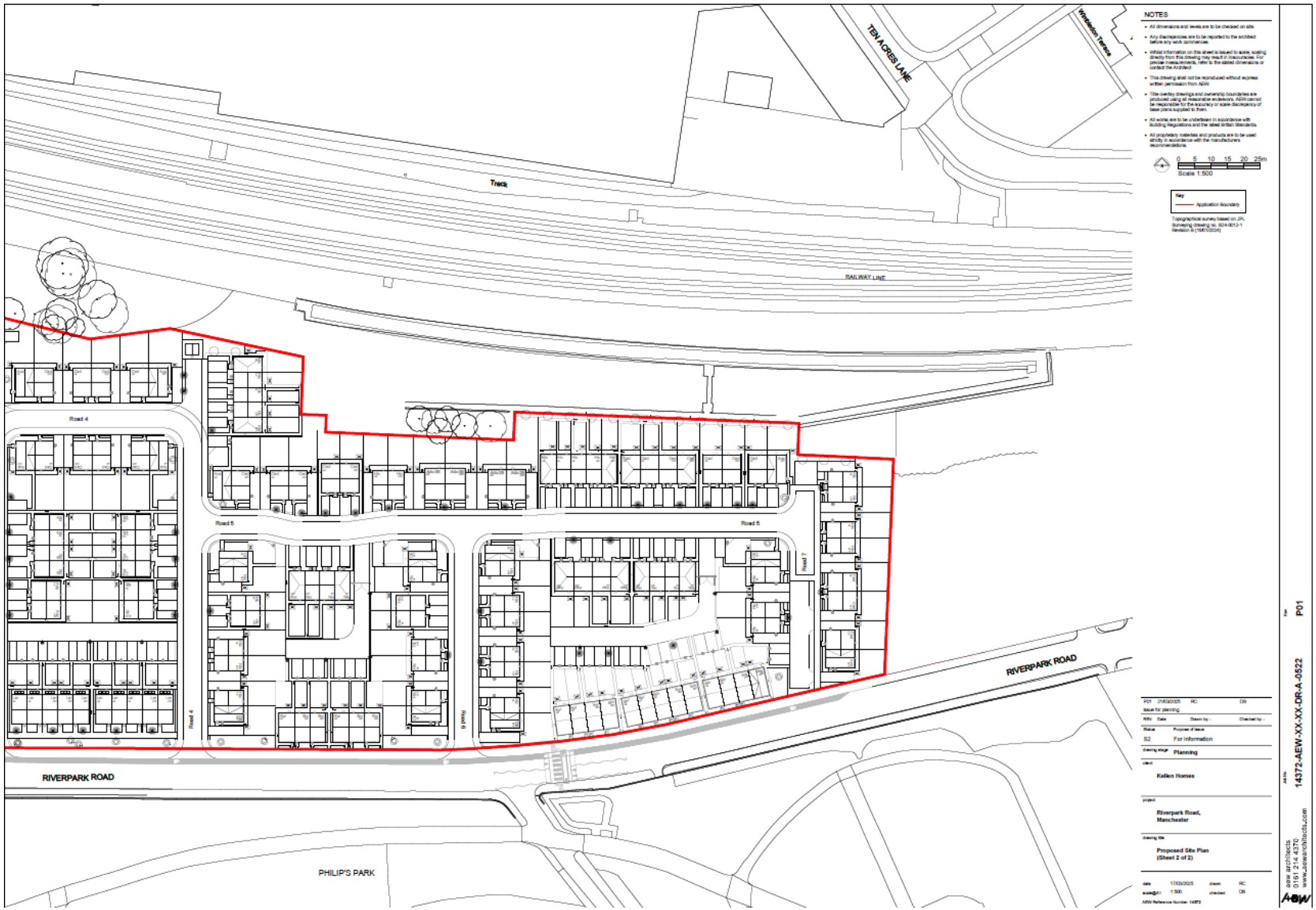
The PWMS requires stakeholders to comply fully with the construction-related elements of any mitigation strategies agreed with the Local Planning Authority and Natural England under any license requirements. Construction activities will therefore be conducted strictly in accordance with the approved PWMS.

Any deviations or incidents that may affect ecological receptors will be immediately reported to the designated ecologist / Natural England.

Appendix 1: Site Landscape master plan



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