REPORT OF NESTING BIRD SURVEY

Site Address:	Temporary Car Park at Wythenshawe Park Sports Hub, Wythenshawe Road, Wythenshawe, Manchester, M23 0BD
Client Name:	Jaroslaw Wrubel – etec group
Reference:	Nesting Bird Check
Date:	29th June 2026

Background

Arbtech Consulting Limited was instructed by etec group to undertake a Nesting Bird Check at Temporary Car Park at Wythenshawe Park Sports Hub (hereafter referred to as "the site").

The survey was required to ensure no nesting birds would be impacted by the felling of a single tree (T1) within the area of modified grassland scheduled to be developed, in line with the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), which makes it an offence to intentionally take, damage or destroy a wild bird's eggs or its nest while it's being used or built or to kill or injure wild birds. Schedule 1 bird species are afforded additional protection whereby it is an offence to intentionally or recklessly disturb any wild bird listed on Schedule 1 while it is nest building, or at a nest containing eggs or young, or disturbs the dependent young of such a bird.

Survey Methodology

The nesting bird check survey was completed by David Hill-Chambers BSc (Hons) MSc (Hons), Graduate ecologist.

T1 was observed from ground level with the aid of binoculars over a 30-minute period from 05:15am until 05:45am, during suitable weather for bird activity, prior to any significant disturbance of the site. The surveyor was positioned to enable full coverage of T1 whilst ensuring that no disturbance to nesting activity would occur. The surveyor was looking for:

- Birds flying repeatedly to and from the nest
- Birds carrying nesting material to the nest
- Birds carrying food to the nest

- Chicks calling from the nest
- Young poking their heads out of the box/nest
- Young leaving the box/nest when they are ready to fledge

Following the observational survey, where no nesting activity had been recorded, the surveyor completed a close-up inspection of T1 using torch, for evidence of feathers, droppings and egg remains that may signal current nesting activity.

Limitations

No limitations were experienced.

Results and Discussion

No nesting activity was observed during the watching brief, with no birds recorded entering or exiting the tree canopies throughout the period of observation. No behaviours indicative of active nesting (such as the transport of nesting material or food, alarm calling, or repeated visits to the nests) were observed.

Recommendations

Works can commence; however, all site personnel should remain vigilant throughout the construction period for evidence of nesting birds. Vegetation, structures, and any areas suitable for nesting should be checked on a daily basis to ensure that no new nests have been established. If an active nest is identified at any stage during the works, activities in the immediate vicinity must cease and a suitably qualified ecologist should be contacted for advice. Works should not recommence in that area until appropriate guidance has been provided to ensure compliance with relevant wildlife legislation.

The installation of a minimum of two bird boxes retained on mature trees around the site boundaries will provide additional and replacement nesting habitat for birds e.g.

- Schwegler 1B Nest Boxes (trees)
- Schwegler 2H Robin Boxes (trees)
- Woodstone Nest Box (buildings or trees)

Or a similar alternative brand.

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Appendix 1 – Photos






Images 1-4: Tree one (T1)