

<b>Ecology Team Consultation Response</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	10.12.2025
<b>Planning Ref:</b>	4/25/2410/0F1
<b>Description:</b>	Prior notification of proposed demolition – the computer accommodation building.

## **Suggested Planning Conditions**

### ***Breeding Birds***

Works should be completed outside of the breeding bird period (March – August inclusive). If this is not possible a breeding bird check should be carried out no more than 48 hours prior to the planned development to ensure no birds and their nests are present. If active nests are discovered an appropriate buffer zone should be established and works within that area ceased until the young have naturally fledged.

### ***Small Mammals***

All development work should be carried out with care to avoid small mammals such as hedgehogs. Contractors should be briefed about the potential presence of small mammals with the following precautionary methods of work in place:

- Should any trenches and excavations be required, an escape route for animals that enter the trench must be provided, especially if left open overnight. Ramps should be no greater than of 45 degrees in angle. Ideally, any holes should be securely covered. This will ensure badgers are not trapped during work.
- All excavations left open overnight or longer should be checked for animals prior to the continuation of works or infilling. Back filling should be completed immediately after any excavations, ideally back filling as an on-going process to the work in hand.
- Stored materials should be raised (i.e. stored on pallets) in order to ensure that wildlife such as hedgehogs do not shelter in the piles

### ***Bats***

The building is to undergo a soft-strip demolition. If evidence of bats is found during the demolition, then works must cease and advice sought from an ecologist who carries a Level 2 Bat Licence from Natural England.

### ***Herptiles***

- During the development, measures should be put in place to discourage amphibians from using the development area, the creation of any piles of earth, materials and rubble which could form potential artificial hibernacula and refuge should be avoided at all times. Any spoil or rubble will be removed immediately to skips, or on hard standing or short grass. This will ensure that no potential amphibian hibernation or resting sites are created.
- The storage of all loose materials must be palletised or similar so they are off the ground whenever possible.
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