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1 Executive Summary

1.1 Purpose of the Report

Greenscape Environmental Ltd was commissioned by Pickstock Homes, to provide Ecological Clerk of Works support for the construction of residential properties off Station Road, Baschurch. The purpose of this document is to fulfil conditions 6 which states:-

Condition 6

Within 90 days prior to the commencement of development, a badger inspection shall be undertaken by an appropriately qualified and experienced ecologist and the outcome reported in writing to the Local Planning Authority. If new evidence of badgers is recorded during the pre-commencement survey then the ecologist shall submit a mitigation strategy for prior approval that sets out appropriate actions to be taken during the works. These measures will be implemented as approved.

Reason: To ensure the protection of badgers under the Protection of Badgers Act 1992.

1.2 Site visit and Toolbox talk

The site was visited on the 29th June 2021 by P Marshall. The perimeter was walked, together with zig zag paths across the site.

A thorough examination for fresh signs of badger activity was conducted and none was observed.



Figure 1.1. view of field

No negative impact on badgers is anticipated and an offence considered highly unlikely.

1.3 Conclusion

The construction work can commence on site. Should any signs of badger activity be observed, then the ecologist will be contacted for further advice.

Appendix A – Surveyor Details

Table A.1. Details of surveyors' experience and licences held

Name	Membership of associations/ experience	Licenses
Peta Marshall BSc(hons)MA	Principal Consultant MCIEEM PIEMA Peta has a degree in Applied Biology and has been working in commercial environmental assessment for over 10 years. She has 10+ years' experience surveying for protected species.	Holder of survey licenses for bats and newts in England and Wales. Registered Consultant for Mitigation Class Licence for Bats <u>England:</u> Bats - 2015-12200-CLS-CLS BMCL - RC084 GCN - 2015-18939-CLS-CLS Dormice - 2017-29225-CLS-CLS <u>Wales:</u> Bats - S087133-1 GCN - S087606-1

Appendix B –Legislation

Badgers and their setts are specifically protected under the Protection of Badgers Act 1992. The act was primarily brought into force to prevent the deliberate injury to or death of badgers. Some aspects of the act affect developers. It is important that developers are aware of any badger setts located on the land they intend to develop.

All personnel working on sites where there are badgers should be aware of the Protection of Badgers Act 1992. Under this legislation it is an offence to:

- Damage a badger sett or any part of it.
- Destroy a badger sett.
- Obstruct access to, or any entrance of a badger sett.
- Causing a dog to enter a badger sett.
- Disturbing a badger when it is occupying a badger sett.