Addendum to ADK Environmental Ecological Enhancement Plan.

Site, Former Baguleys Garden Centre,
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General

The report by ADK Environmental – "Ecological Enhancement Plan", clarifies at Part 3, what Ecological Enhancements would take place at the site within the completed development.

These are identified as the following;

- 3.1 of the main report "Hedgehog Highways"
- 3.2 of the main report "Bird boxes"
- 3.3 of the main report "Bat tube/bat box"

For clarification, all the above (as detailed within the report) WILL be carried out and provided in the completed development.

Information leaflets to new property owners

All new property owners/purchasers, will, upon completion of their purchase, be provided with written documentation highlighting their individual responsibilities to protect and preserve both animals and their habitat(s) in a manner that ensures their continued existence at, and around the site and surrounding lands.

In respect of hedgehogs, the following legislation applies, Hedgehogs are listed as a UK 'Priority Species' under S.41 of the NERC Act (2006). They also have limited protection under Schedule 6 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981) as amended, which means that they cannot be caught or trapped without a licence. The Wild Mammals (Protection) Act (1996) prohibits cruel activities and mistreating of hedgehogs.

In respect of bird boxes, House sparrows in particular are covered under the following legislation,

Species of Principal Importance under the NERC Act 2006 and are included in the BoCC Red List.

Pipistrelle bats are protected under, The Wildlife and Countryside Act (as amended) 1981 and The Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 1994.

New property owners would be advised in such an information leaflet, as to their responsibilities under these various pieces of legislation. Included in that, would be reminders that fence panels with 'Hedgehog Highways' that are present on their land, should be replaced as/when such fencing is replaced/renewed, to ensure they are permeable to hedgehogs. Such 'Hedgehog Highway', is a 13cm x 13cm gap within the boundary features on site and will continue to enable Hedgehogs to pass through the site to provide connectivity to suitable foraging habitat.

A plan of the site is attached showing location of hedgehog highway fencing, bat tube/bat box locations and that of bird boxes. See attached below.



- X DENOTES BAT TUBE/BAT BOX
- X DENOTES HEDGEHOG HISHWAY FENCE
- X DENOTES LOCATION OF BIRD BOXES

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