

Ecological Compliance Letter Report The Paddock, Mangotsfield, BS16 9AD

1 Introduction

1.1.1 Abricon was commissioned by Blackhorse Place Ltd to compile an ecological compliance letter report to discharge conditions (or parts of) 6, 7 and 8 of the full planning permission for the site for erection of 3no dwellings with associated works (planning reference number: P21/03740/F).

1.1.2 Conditions 6, 7 and 8 are as follows:

“6. The development shall proceed in strict accordance with the Mitigation Measures provided in the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (Abricon, December 2020) and Reptile Survey and Enhancement Plan (Abricon, May 2021), this includes timings for site clearance to avoid bird nesting season and sensitive lighting design with a dark corridor bordering the western boundary. If ecological enhancements differ from those proposed within the ecological reports, a plan detailing the location and specification is required.

Reason: To protect against harm to protected species and to accord with Policy CS9 of the South Gloucestershire Local Plan: Core Strategy (Adopted) December 2013; Policy PSP19 of the Policies Sites and Places DPD (Adopted) November 2017; and the National Planning Policy Framework.”

“7. A pre-commencement check is required for badgers immediately prior to works starting to ensure a sett has not been constructed since the last site visit.

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“8. Prior to the commencement of development a precautionary method of working for great crested newts is to be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Any development shall proceed in strict accordance with the method of working.

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2 Reptile Translocation

2.1.1 Reptile translocation process was carried out from 26/08/2021 until 22/09/2021. A total of 26 visits were carried out in suitable weather and 23 slow worms were translocated to the receptor site. Approved Reptile Translocation Method Statement dated 28/09/2021 prepared by Abricon Limited was followed.



3 Site Inspection, Toolbox Talk and ECoW

- 3.1.1 On 6th October 2021 Jade Lemm undertook pre-commencement check for badgers in preparation for the site clearance planned for the same day. No evidence of badger setts or any other protected species was noted on site.
- 3.1.2 On 6th October 2021 Jade Lemm undertook inspection the site proposed to be cleared and carried out toolbox talk with site workers before the vegetation clearance planned for that day. No evidence of badger setts or other protected species was noted and therefore the clearance commenced. The site clearance then finished on 10th October 2021 under supervision of Stephanie Benden. The site clearance (both days) was carried in accordance with the measures set out in Reptile Translocation Method Statement dated 28/09/2021 prepared by Abricon Limited.
- 3.1.3 The vegetation off cuts and products of the vegetation clearance were stored on site until 27th October 2021, when they were removed from site under supervision of Stephanie Benden.
- 3.1.4 Please refer to Appendix A for site photographs of the cleared site.

4 Appendix A – Site photographs/evidence

