



The information herein refers to a walkover survey of the below site: -

Address: -	The Spinney (Cottage Farm), New Road, Pamber Green, RG26 3AG
Grid Reference: -	SU 61322 59647
Surveyor: -	T. Woo-Glover BSc (Hons), MSc
Date of survey: -	26 th July 2023
Date of report: -	17 th August 2023
Previous report ref'	'Preliminary Ecological Appraisal Report – Cottage Farm, New Road, Pamber Green, RG26 3AG' by AE Ecology (10th July 2019)
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1. Purpose of Report: -

This short report is based on a direct comparison of the Site, with all its habitats and associated habitats as named and described within the previous PEA as named above and a further Walkover Assessment by an Ecological Surveys Ltd surveyor: 26/07/2023.

The intention of this further assessment of the Site is to ascertain whether the habitats and/or potential supported species recorded have altered over time between 2019 and 2023.

If the site habitats and protected species potential have remained stable and no changes have been recorded – the previous report, Mitigation and Enhancement Requirements remain applicable and are to be implemented as given.

In this case, the Mitigation and Enhancement requirements given in the PEA by AE Ecology remain applicable and valid for purpose for a further 12 months from the date of the new assessment until July 2024.

Summary of PEA Report 2019

The survey and subsequent report noted the site was of limited ecological interest with no notable habitats or plant species noted. The site was composed of managed and improved pasture grazed by livestock with an associated livestock building.

The survey found no evidence that the site supports badgers, dormice, water vole, otter, bats, reptiles, or great crested newts.

The building was assessed as having potential to support common and widespread breeding birds, although no direct evidence was noted. Recommendations were made to ensure active nests are not harmed.

Pamber Forest Site of Special Scientific Interest was noted as lying 200m from the northern boundary of the site, although was assessed as being sufficiently far that it will not be affected by redevelopment proposals.

It was concluded that proposed works will have no adverse impacts on biodiversity and will deliver biodiversity gains in accordance with policy.

2. Assessment and Results

As a direct comparison to the previous assessment in March 2019, the site is largely unchanged from the time of the first report.

The Mitigation as given in the PEA remains applicable and valid to this site as the habitats onsite remain unchanged in July 2023. With regards to 'habitats remaining unchanged', mitigation required in the PEA will still serve to protect from disturbance, harm or death any protected species suited to this habitat.

Further mitigation for species and habitats is not required.

The 2019 report must therefore be consulted in association with this report for full and through details of the site Mitigation and Enhancement and its application.

Site Assessment Evidence 2019: -

These are the images taken of the site in 2019 and which are contained in the PEA report p18.



Photo 1 Livestock building on site



Photo 2 Grazed pasture on site



Photo 3 Grazed pasture on site



Photo 4 Mature oak and ruderal vegetation to NW boundary

Assessment of the Site 2023 – taken 26/07/2023



Photos 1 & 2 – Livestock building on site (L) and grazed grassland on site (R).



Photos 3 & 4 – Grazed grassland on site (L) and Mature oak on the northwestern boundary (R).

3. Conclusion

The Site has been reassessed and evidence of the habitats onsite provided. The conclusion drawn is that the Mitigation and Enhancements as required within the 2019 PEA report are still applicable and will serve to protect from disturbance, harm or death and potential or recorded protected species associated with this Site as well as leaving this Site enhanced/improved for biodiversity.

If the proposals should change, a re-appraisal or appraisal amendment may be required. Providing the recommendations within this report are adhered to: surveys completed, and mitigation and enhancements agreed, there would appear to be no ecological constraints to prevent this development.

This update can only be relied upon until July 2024. After which, it may be necessary to undertake a fresh assessment of the site, should planning be required after this date.

It may be necessary to Condition the Mitigation and Enhancements required. Please refer to the original report for full details of what is required.