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	limited value, being restricted to boundary hedgerows and tree lines.	habitat locally. However, site clearance could result in the death or injury of reptiles, if present.	In the unlikely event that a reptile is identified, works must cease and advice must be sought from a suitably qualified ecologist.
Foraging and commuting bats	The site could be used by local bat populations for foraging and commuting, albeit limited. These could also be used by bats dispersing from nearby roosts outside of the site.	<p>The proposed development will result in the loss of small areas of grassland but given their low value and the presence of more extensive areas of foraging and commuting habitat in the locality, this is likely to be inconsequential for bats.</p> <p>The proposed development will include the use of lighting which could spill on to bat roosting, foraging or commuting habitat and deter bats from using these areas.</p>	A low impact lighting strategy will be adopted for the site during and post-development.
Hedgehog	The garden onsite provides foraging and commuting opportunities, the scattered trees can offer further foraging and shelter opportunities. The surrounding habitat contains arable fields and residential areas suitability connected to the site for hedgehogs.	A small area of grassland will be removed during construction. The loss of such habitats is likely to be inconsequential to local hedgehog populations owing to their low value and the presence of more extensive habitat locally. However, construction activities could result in the death or injury of hedgehogs, if commuting through the site during construction.	A precautionary working method will be implemented during construction.

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Bats	There are two EPSLs within 2km of the site. The closest is for the destruction of a resting place for common pipistrelle and brown long-eared bats (EPSM2009-711) ~330m south of the site. The second EPSL is for the destruction of a resting place of brown long-eared bats (EPSM2010-2719) ~1500m to the north east. The building onsite is being retained and unaffected by the development. The scattered trees along the boundaries were of negligible value to roosting bats due to a lack of roosting features.
Hazel Dormouse	No EPSL's were returned for dormice within 2km of the site. Habitats onsite consist of grassland that is unsuitable for dormice due to a lack of foraging and refuge opportunities. Furthermore, for isolated habitats in the UK, research indicates that dormice require 20ha of woodland habitat to support a viable population (Bright et al. 1994). The surrounding landscape does not provide 20ha of woodland. Therefore, the likelihood that dormice are present on site is considered negligible.
Hedgehog	The garden onsite provides foraging and commuting opportunities for hedgehogs, albeit limited. The scattered trees can offer further foraging and shelter opportunities. The surrounding habitat contains residential areas and arable fields suitability connected to the site for hedgehogs. The presence of hedgehogs for transient periods whilst foraging and commuting can therefore not be discounted.
Riparian Mammals	There are no watercourses on or near the site and the site is not connected to any riparian habitats. Therefore, it is highly unlikely that otter or water vole would be present onsite.
Birds	Due to the type and extent of habitats recorded, the site is not considered suitable to support a significant assemblage of protected and/or notable bird species. However, the scattered trees can provide suitable nesting opportunities and the garden could provide opportunities for birds to forage.
Invertebrates	Due to the type and extent of habitats recorded, the site is not considered suitable to support a significant assemblage of protected and/or notable invertebrate species. Thus the site is suitable to support common invertebrates only.

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Hazel dormouse	The site is isolated from any suitable dormice habitat.	No impacts are anticipated on hazel dormice as a result of the proposed development.	None.	None.
Hedgehog	The garden onsite provides foraging and commuting opportunities, the scattered trees can offer further foraging and shelter	A small area of grassland will be removed during construction. The loss of such habitats is likely to be inconsequential to local hedgehog populations owing to their low value and the presence of more	<p>A precautionary working method will be implemented during construction, including the following measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any excavations will be covered overnight, or a ramp will be installed 	The following habitat creation and enhancement opportunities could be incorporated into the proposed

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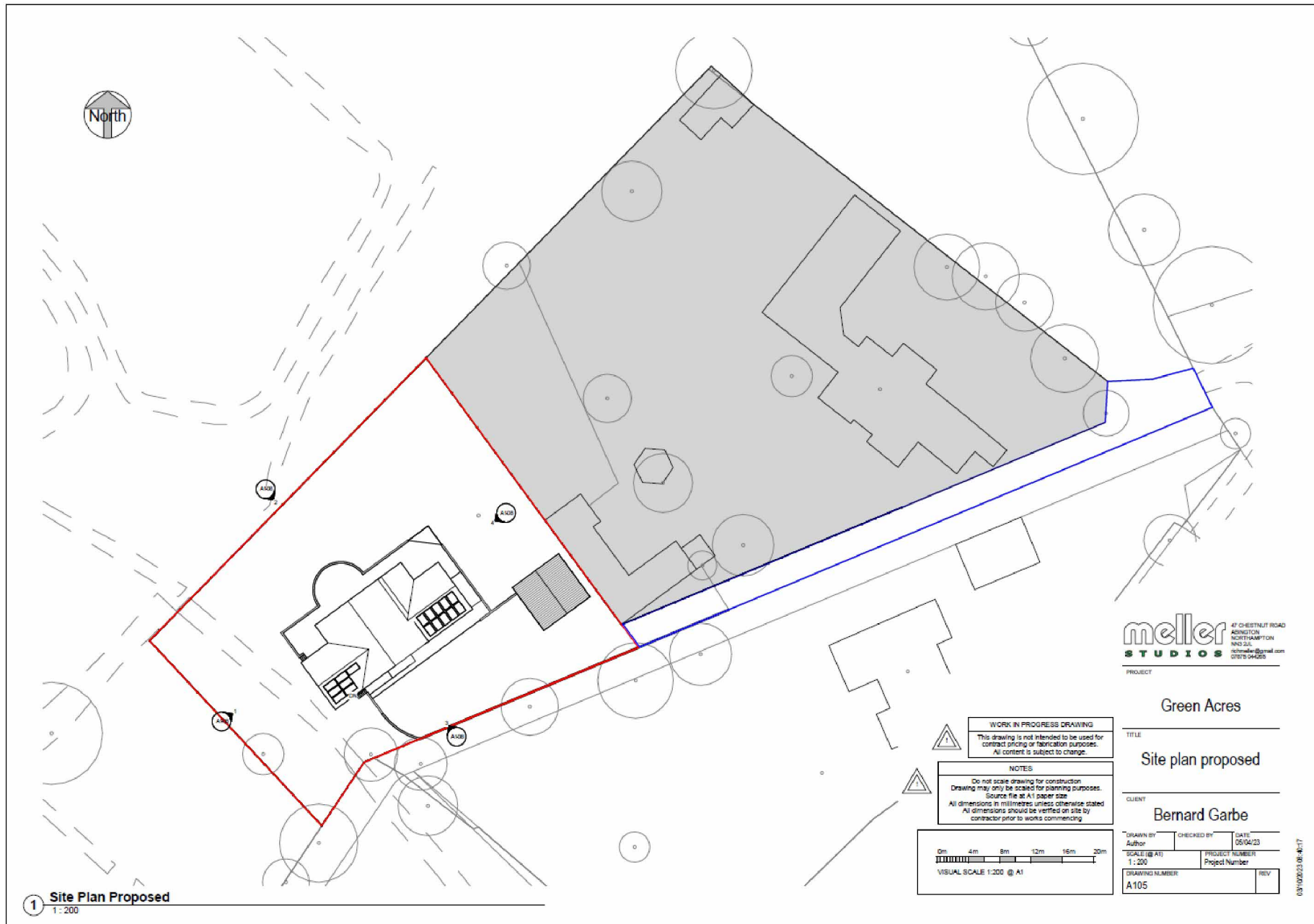
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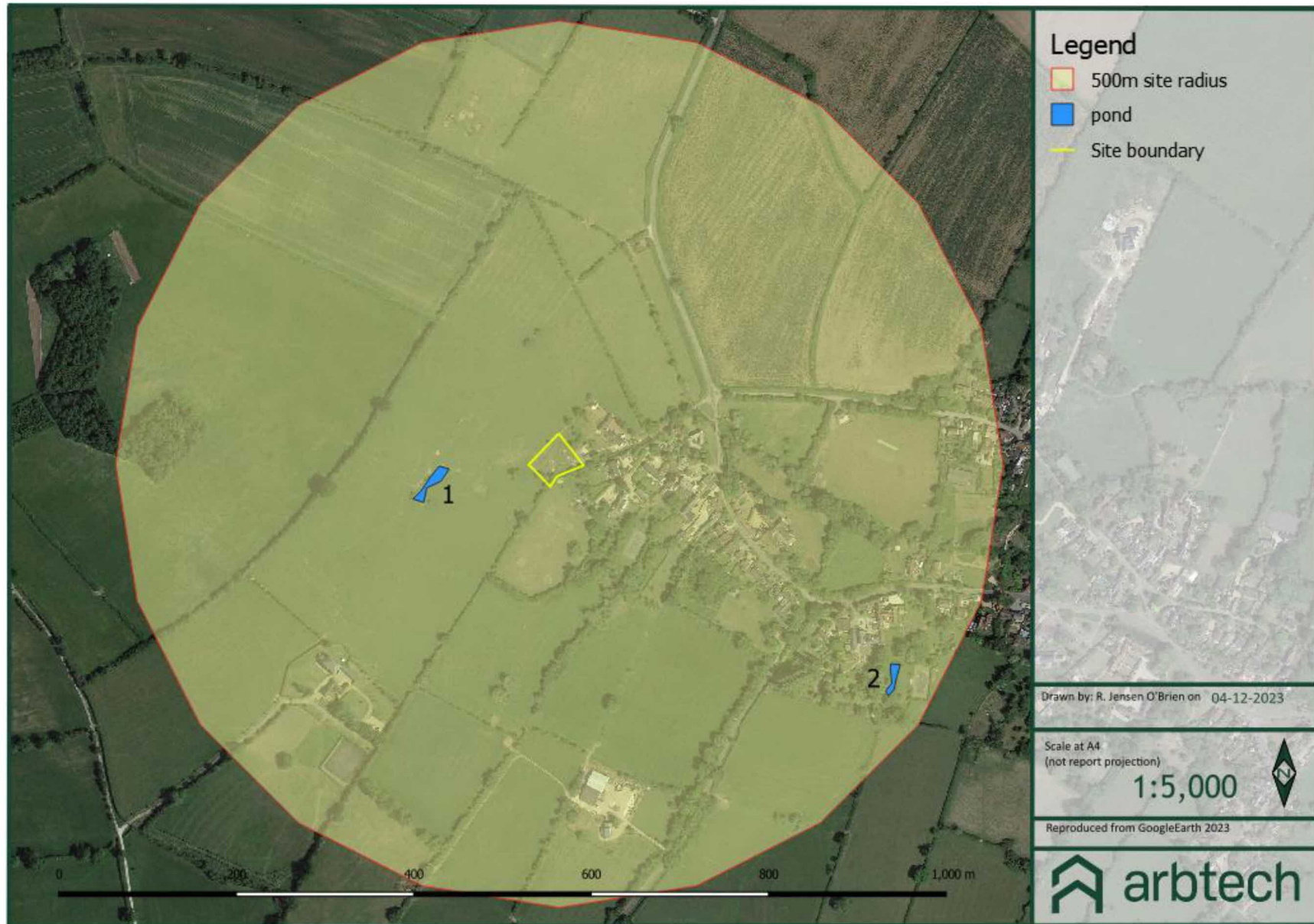
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Appendix 3a: Habitat Survey Plan



Appendix 3b: Pond Location Plan



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National and European Legislation Afforded to Species***The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended)***

The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) aims to promote the maintenance of biodiversity by requiring the Secretary of State to take measures to maintain or restore wild species listed within the Regulations at a favourable conservation status.

The Regulations make it an offence (subject to exceptions) to deliberately capture, kill, disturb, or trade in the animals listed in Schedule 2, or pick, collect, cut, uproot, destroy, or trade in the plants listed in Schedule 4. However, these actions can be made lawful through the granting of licenses by the appropriate authorities. Licenses may be granted for a number of purposes (such as science and education, conservation, preserving public health and safety), but only after the appropriate authority is satisfied that there are no satisfactory alternatives and that such actions will have no detrimental effect on wild population of the species concerned.

The Wildlife and Countryside Act (WCA) 1981 (as amended)

The Wildlife and Countryside Act (WCA) 1981 (as amended) implements the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (Bern Convention 1979, implemented 1982) and implements the species protection requirements of EC Birds Directive 2009/147/EC on the conservation of wild birds in Great Britain (the birds Directive). The WCA 1981 has been subject to a number of amendments, the most important of which are through the Countryside and Rights of Way (CRoW) Act (2000).

Other legislative Acts affording protection to wildlife and their habitats include:

- Deer Act 1991
- Natural Environment & Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006
- Protection of Badgers Act 1992
- Wild Mammals (Protection) Act 1996

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