

Ecological Update Letter 2023 Tockington, Lower Tockington Road

Introduction

Abricon was commissioned by Stuart Rackham on behalf of Ben and Gemma Redrum to review existing ecological information at Highmead, Lower Tockington Road, Tockington, Bristol, BS32 4LF (ST 60938 86414) in regard to protected species, and to carry out update site inspection. This information will inform a planning application for the site.

The site was previously assessed by Abricon in 2021 when Phase 1 habitat and species survey was carried out and a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal Report was produced in February 2022.

The aim of the existing ecological information review was to establish if recommendations made in previous ecological reports for this site require adjustments/further actions. This was due to the fact that the previous survey was completed over 12 months previously, and the elevation plans for the site have been amended.

The proposal is to redevelop the rear garden by constructing a house and two garages approximately at the centre of the site. A new access road is also being constructed towards the northern boundary of the site.

Site Background

Abricon carried out a Phase 1 Habitat survey in November 2021. Broad habitat types and vegetation were noted, and the site was assessed for its suitability to support Protected species such as great crested newts, bats, hazel dormouse, badgers, otter, water vole, reptiles, and birds. The conclusion was that overall, the site was only of value to common birds and foraging bats.

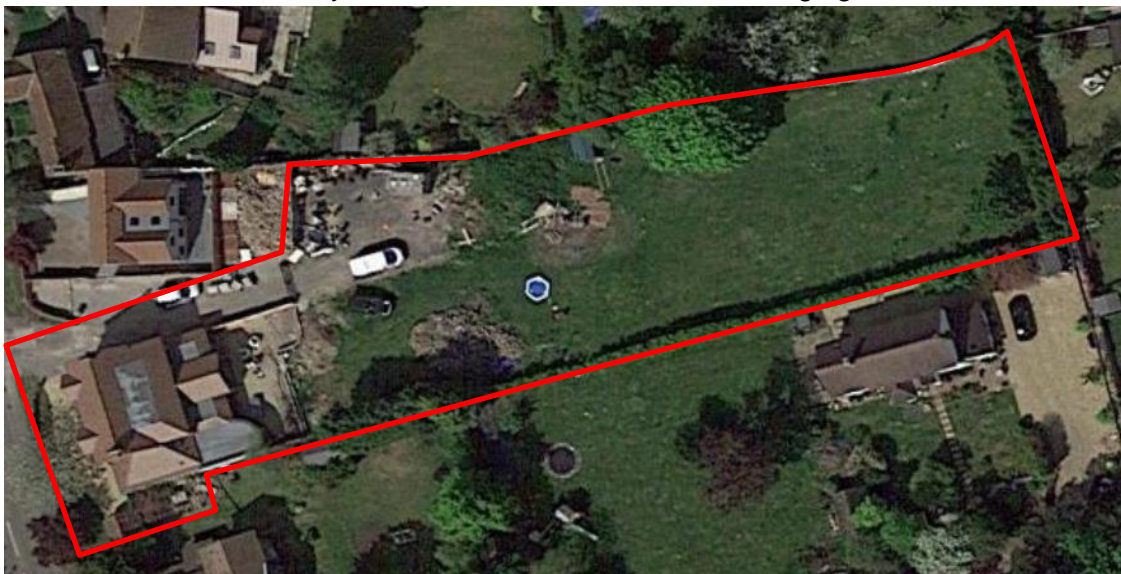


Figure 1.1 – Site Location(highlighted) – accessed on 08/12/21



Site Visit 19 November 2021

Abricon 2022, Preliminary Ecological Appraisal of Lower Tockington Road, Tockington should be consulted for a full details.

Update Site Visit 25 July 2023

Stephanie Benden MSc visited the site on behalf of Abricon Limited on 25th July 2023 to carry out an update walkover of the site. It was 20C and sunny during the visit.

The site conditions were largely unchanged since November 2021. The description of the habitats and vegetation on site are as those included in Abricon 2022, Preliminary Ecological Appraisal.

Recommendations

Recommendations made in the previous Abricon report (Abricon, 2022) have been reviewed against the new elevation plans. The new plans will not affect the previous recommendations; therefore, these recommendations are still deemed valid.

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Due to the dynamic nature of ecological conditions the results of the survey(s) and related conclusions and recommendations as contained within this report should only be considered valid for up to 2 years from the date the last survey was undertaken.

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