



**Ecological Consultants
Environmental and Rural Chartered Surveyors**

Your Ref: 22/00886/FUL
Our Ref: 9036

Friday, 08 March 2024

Dear Sirs

**RE: APPLICATION NUMBER: 22/00886/FUL
PROPOSAL: CONSTRUCTION OF B8 INDUSTRIAL BUILDING, ACCESS ROAD AND ASSOCIATED CAR
PARKING
LOCATION: CLAUGHTON INDUSTRIAL ESTATE BROCKHOLES WAY CLAUGHTON-ON-BROCK PR3 0PZ**

Condition 6 of planning consent 22/00886/FUL states

6. Prior to any site clearance, a reasonable avoidance method statement of hedgehog, amphibians and other wildlife covering site clearance and the construction phase shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To prevent possible harm to ecology in accordance with the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, Policy CDMP4 of the Wyre Local Plan (2011-31) and section 15 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

It is proposed site clearance is undertaken before March 2024. Nesting birds will therefore not be present but some species may be hibernating. Envirotech have been commissioned to prepare reasonable avoidance measures in reference to condition 6.

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- A pre-start assessment will be made of suitable features on the site by an ecologist. This is to ensure the potential has not been fulfilled for use of features on the site by hedgehog, amphibians and other wildlife. Should no evidence of hedgehog, amphibians and or other wildlife in hibernation be found, works will proceed. The site walkover shall examine hedges, fallen leaves, scrub and any other suitable habitat that may be used as hibernation.
- A toolbox talk will be provided by a licensed ecologist in respect of hedgehog and amphibian features present on the site to the team responsible for site clearance.
- The method for the removal of vegetation, shrubbery and trees / hedgerows will be that it shall be overseen by an Ecologist or suitably qualified person who shall watch and record the gradual removal of these features after a prestart check on site.
- A suitable receptor site shall be identified prior to any works being carried out and the ecologist will be responsible for the actual removal of any animals from the site to the receptor site.
- Provision for capture, transport and captive care of any hibernating or injured hedgehogs or amphibians will be available with suitable materials on site. Any such works to be undertaken only by the ecologist.
- General avoidance measures during construction shall consist of:
 - No works would be carried out at the site between sunrise and sunset.
 - Noise and vehicle movements at the site will always be kept to a minimum
 - Where any trenches or other excavations are to be left open overnight, these would be battered to form a slope to allow animals to escape
 - A tidy works area would be maintained during construction and any hazardous substances would be fenced off to remove any animal hazards from the site
 - Site staff will be observant for hedgehogs and amphibians during work and the ecologist for the project will be contacted should hedgehogs be found.

