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App No: WA/93/20/PL
Address: Tye Lane Walburton BN18 0LU
Proposal: Alternative access & emergency access along with minor highway works following WA/95/18/RES. This site is in CIL Zone 2 (Zero Rated) as other development.

Bats

Prior to any trees being felled an updated check should be done by the ecologist to ensure there is no potential roosting bats. If potential is found further survey work will be required.

A number of bat boxes will need to be relocated for these works to the site margins, due to this they will need to be checked for the presence / any evidence of roosting bats by a suitable experienced Natural England licenced bat ecologist. In the event that any evidence of roosting bats is identified, then further discussion with Natural England on how to proceed would be required and further monitoring and European Protected Species (EPS) licencing may be required

Badgers

Prior to start on site a badger survey should be undertaken to ensure badgers are not using the site. If a badger sett is found onsite, Natural England should be consulted and a mitigation strategy produced.

Nesting birds

Any works to the trees or vegetation clearance on the site should only be undertaken outside of the bird breeding season which takes place between 1st March – 1st October. If works are required within this time an ecologist will need to check the site before any works take place (within 24 hours of any work).

A number of bird boxes were installed on trees along the western boundary in 2019 by way of enhancement. If any of the trees which require felling have bird boxes installed on them then these should be relocated to an alternative nearby tree by an Ecologist. However, if any of the boxes contain active nests, then the boxes cannot be moved until any young have fledged

Reptiles

The area where the works will take place will need to be checked for reptiles by an ecologist, prior to any vegetation removal works commencing. Vegetation will need to be cut to c. 20cm above ground level, unless already at this level or below and a fingertip search for reptiles then undertaken.

As a final stage, turf should be stripped from the construction zone to remove any habitat resource which may attract reptiles to recolonise before site works commence.

Kind Regards

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