

Protected and notable species

Invertebrates

No notable invertebrate species were recorded, and no suitable species that support flowering vegetation were featured on the site.

Amphibians

Great Crested Newts (GCN) are protected by Schedule 2 of the Convention of Habitats and Species Regulations (2010) and Schedule 5 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981, as amended), which provide protection to both the individuals and the areas they use for rest, shelter, or breeding. Great crested newts are also a UK BAP and LBAP priority species.

Bats

Surrounding habitat and Tree Inspection

The established **mature trees and shrub, adjacent to** all the site boundaries, offer excellent connectivity to the wider habitat and foraging habitat potential for commuting bat species. **The two trees on site were assessed for bat potential from the ground and deemed to offer negligible potential for roosting bats.** No trees adjacent to the boundary have features that offer potential for bat roosts.

It is critical that any improvements to lighting surrounding the proposed plans are undertaken to a suitable standard and minimise light exposure to the boundaries and trees.

Breeding Birds

The two trees within the boundary represent potential habitat for birds. Any works on site should take place outside of the bird nesting season, from the beginning of March until the end of August. If time constraints are a factor, the removal of habitat during these times **MUST** be pre-empted by a thorough inspection by a suitably licensed ecologist for nesting birds and active nests.

No evidence of ground nesting birds was discovered across site.

Nesting birds are protected under The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (and amendments), and it would be an offence to damage or destroy a nest or otherwise disturb a nesting bird.

Because of the possible presence of nesting birds within features beyond the site boundary, lighting impacts, as stated above, should be addressed to minimise light pollution affecting the adjacent suitable habitat.

Badger

No evidence of Badger field signs was observed on site or within the site boundaries.

Other Mammals.

Mole field signs were evident across the site. No other mammal field signs were observed during the survey.