

5. CONSTRAINTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The proposed development (*within the red line site boundary as shown in Figures 1.1 & 1.2*) will consist of the creation of an enclosed dog exercise area. The information at the time of survey is that this will require adequate fencing to be added along with a car parking area, and that no other habitats, aside from modified grassland will be impacted.

Positioning, construction, and post construction impacts are deemed negligible upon species immediately within and adjacent to the boundary of the site. Ecological constraints and recommendations regarding any development of the site are discussed below.

Non-native invasive species

Plants

No invasive species were located within the red line boundary. No instances of plant species feature within the red line boundary, and therefore none will be removed.

Bats

The site offers good foraging territory to the northern, eastern and western boundaries and **where lighting is necessary in areas of tree/shrub planting, this will be low wattage, directional, low level and/or shaded to minimise light spill (<1Lux) onto potential flight lines following linear features, and foraging habitats to ensure that the overall impact caused by lighting the site is negligible.**

The lighting scheme will be designed regarding guidance such as the Bat Conservation Trust Statement on the impact and design of artificial light on bats, and the Institution of Lighting Professionals Guidance Notes, to minimise disturbance to bats and other wildlife due to artificial lighting.

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