

Site Inspection Report



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Introduction

WYG were commissioned by Barratt David Wilson Homes to undertake a site inspection to assess the implementation of ecological mitigation as described within the associated Ecological Mitigation Plan (EMP) (WYG, 2014) for a site at One Eight Zero. This relates to planning application APP/14/00232 (Development site at Portsdown Hill, west of Glebe Park Avenue and north of Bedhampton Hill) within Havant Borough.

This report was prepared by WYG Project Ecologist Ben Cooke.

Methodology

The survey was conducted on 30th July 2019 in overcast conditions with light rain and temperatures of approximately 14°C. The surveyor conducted a thorough walkover survey of the site to check for the successful implementation of features and management practices as described within the associated Ecological Mitigation Plan (WYG, 2014). These were as follows –

- Creation of native species hedgerow to be maintained at a height no greater than 2m;
- Translocation and monitoring of dwarf spurge *Euphorbia exigua*;
- Installation of three hibernacula;
- Creation and maintenance of off-site mitigation area for wintering birds; and
- Area of grassland to be retained as open space alongside the installation of an ecological information board; and
- Installation of eight bat boxes.

Results

The following section describes the state of the mitigation proposals as identified during the site visit 30th July 2019.

Hedgerow

The native species hedgerow has been planted along the site's western boundary to provide screening for the wintering bird mitigation area situated adjacent to the site (Photograph 1). A small proportion of the planting was noted as having failed and therefore some replanting would be required.

Photograph 1: Hedgerow along western boundary



Dwarf Spurge

No dwarf spurge were identified within the two designated areas (one for the translocation of soil and the second for the sowing of seeds) situated along the northern periphery of the southern field comprising the off-site mitigation area wintering birds. Although no dwarf spruge were identified the mitigation areas remained intact and there was no sign of disturbance to these areas.

Photograph 2: Seeding and translocation area for dwarf spurge



Installation of Hibernacula

Three hibernacula have been installed within the retained area of grassland along the site's northern boundary.

Photograph 3: Westernmost hibernacula situated within the site



Off-site Mitigation Area for Wintering Birds

The adjacent off-site field compartment continues to be managed as an arable field and currently holds a crop of barley. As the management scheme involves rotational farming over four year periods the lack of winter or spring wheat crop can be attributed to the current year falling within the two years within which a crop of choice can be sown.

Photograph 4: Off-site mitigation area for wintering birds (south west facing view)



Grassland Buffers

Grassland buffers have been retained within the site however signage was not noted within the site detailing the ecological importance of the areas and the reptiles present as stated within Section 7.1.2 of the associated EMP (WYG, 2014).

Photograph 5: Grassland buffer along northern boundary



Bat Boxes

The eight bat boxes have not been installed on the four mature trees located along the northern boundary of the site as stated within Section 7.2.2 of the associated EMP (WYG, 2014).

Summary

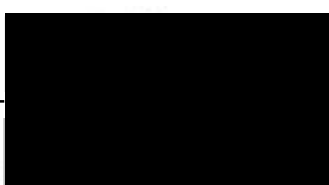
All features and management practices described within the EMP (WYG, 2014) with the exception of the information signage relating to the retained grassland buffers and the provision of eight bat boxes have been instated within the site. It is recommended that the above mitigation practices are implemented at the earliest opportunity.

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References

- WYG, (2014), Portsdown Hill, Havant: Ecological Mitigation Plan. [Report on behalf of David Wilson Homes, Project Number A083733].