

Ecology Statement

Background

The site for this development is made up of two existing detached properties that have been occupied till recently. Since the properties became vacant the gardens have received basic on going maintenance.

Both Properties are laid mostly to lawn with significant areas of tarmac and concrete driveways (see existing plans provided with this application.)



The vast majority of the boundaries are made up of 1.8m timber panel fencing. There is a small area of hedge to the northern boundary which will be retained and maintained as part of the application.

The garden areas do not have any ponds or rockeries and as stated are mainly laid to lawn.

There are two existing sycamore trees to the rear of the plot both of which will be protected as part of the application.

Assessment

All three buildings on site have been checked for any wildlife occupants including the loft and eaves spaces. In addition the site was monitored over a period of 2 weeks to see if any Bat activity could be found on the site or in the two trees, non was identified.

The lawn areas have been closely inspected to look for other potential wildlife and again nothing was found.

Conclusions

We believe that due to the continuous occupation of these properties until recently, the continued on going basic maintenance of the gardens and the retention of the existing boundaries in their existing form, the development of this site will cause little or no impact on ecology.

We are however happy to follow any recommendations for Bat or Bird boxes that are recommended by the Local Authority,