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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Ascerta has been instructed by ASC Healthcare to carry out a badger scoping survey and surveys to assess the potential for bats to use buildings and trees as a roost at Mold Road, Gwersyllt, Wrexham, LL11 4AF.

A daytime tree inspection and external and internal inspection of buildings on site was carried out on 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 by Neil Everett Grad CIEEM and John Harrison-Bryant (Natural Resources Wales bat licence number: 75752: OTH: CSAB:2017). The inspections followed guidelines set out by the Bat Conservation Trust (2016).

All the buildings on site were examined for signs of bats i.e. staining on barge boards, soffits and droppings on flat surfaces i.e. window ledges that would indicate potential roosting sites. Where possible features were searched for evidence of bat use such as staining, bat droppings or feeding remains.

Buildings 6 & 7 are considered to have moderate bat roost potential, all other buildings on site are considered to have low bat roost potential. All building will be lost as part of the proposals.

A badger scoping survey, looking for signs of badger activity on site was carried out on 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 by Neil Everett Grad CIEEM. No evidence of badger activity was observed on site including setts, latrines, foot prints, runs, snuffle holes or scratching posts.

The following recommendations are made in order to satisfy current wildlife guidance and legislation including the PPW and Policies EC4 and EC6 within the Wrexham Unitary Development Plan. If followed in full it is considered that bats will not be harmed as a result of the proposals:

### **Recommendations:**

1. Undertaking nocturnal surveys to determine whether bats are roosting within the buildings on site. Two nocturnal surveys will be required for buildings 6 and 7 and one nocturnal survey will be required for buildings 1, 3, 4 and 5;
2. The use of sympathetic lighting to reduce light spill and pollution, particularly in the vicinity of vegetated areas including the hedgerow and tree line located along the site boundaries. Lighting should use low pressure lamps or lamps fitted with filters or hoods to reduce light spill, or use sensors so that lighting is only activated when required;
3. Works to the roofs of the buildings, building demolition and vegetation clearance should occur outside the nesting bird period (1<sup>st</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> August) unless a suitably qualified ecologist has confirmed that the actions proposed will not disturb bird breeding on site;
4. Japanese knotweed should be controlled prior to works commencing to avoid spread during works; and
5. It is recommended that the mammal burrow is checked prior to work commencing within 30m of the mammal burrow if works commence after March 2018.

## 1.0 Introduction

Ascerta has been instructed by ASC Healthcare to carry out daytime inspections to assess the potential for bats to use buildings as a roost at Mold Road, Gwersyllt, Wrexham, LL11 4AF (hereafter referred to as the site). The OS grid reference for the site is SJ 315 537.

A daytime inspection of trees and an external and internal inspection of buildings on site was carried out on 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 by suitably qualified ecologists Neil Everett Grad CIEEM and John Harrison-Bryant (Natural Resources Wales bat licence number: 75752; OTH: CSAB:2017). The inspection followed guidelines within the Bat Conservation Trust Guidelines '*Bat Surveys for Professional Ecologists Good Practice Guidelines – 3rd Edition (2016)*'.

A badger scoping survey, looking for signs of badger activity on site was carried out on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017 by Neil Everett Grad CIEEM.

These surveys have been completed to meet council requirements as per advice provided by the Planning officer in April / May 2017. A full Ecological Appraisal was completed by JW ecology LTD in September 2014 based on a site visit undertaken in July 2014. In addition, a bat activity survey and a building inspection were undertaken by Rachel Hacking Ecology in September 2014. The council ecologist advised that the full ecological appraisal did not need updating but that a badger walkover survey and bat survey would be required (email from Claire Stelmachowicz to Rosalind King 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2017).

This report presents the results of the surveys and includes recommendations for further actions where applicable in order to satisfy current wildlife legislation and in order to achieve our client's objectives.

## 2.0 Objectives

Our client's objective is to ascertain the potential constraints within the site with a view to carry out building demolition on site. The proposals involve the construction a care home for patients with mental health issues.

Our objectives are as follows:

- Carry out internal and external inspection of buildings and a daytime inspection of trees on site;
- Carry out a badger scoping survey on site;
- Provide recommendations for further species-specific surveys and mitigation measures where current legislation requires;
- Provide recommendations that seek to enhance the ecological value of the site where possible; and
- Provide recommendations to assist our clients in achieving their objectives whilst satisfying current wildlife legislation.

## 3.0 Relevant Legislation

### 3.1 UK Legislation

The key UK legislation is the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended by the Countryside Rights of Way Act 2000) which consolidates and amends existing national legislation to implement the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (Bern Convention) and Council Directive 79/409/EEC on the Conservation of Wild Birds (Birds Directive) in Great Britain. It is complemented by the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010, which implements Council Directive 92/43/EEC on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora (EC Habitats Directive). The Regulations provide for the designation and protection of 'European sites', and the protection of 'European protected species'.

Several bat species (common pipistrelle soprano pipistrelle, noctule, brown long-eared bat, lesser horseshoe bat, greater horseshoe bat, Bechstein's bat and Barbastelle bat) are also listed as a Species of Principal Importance under *Part 1 Section 7 of Environment (Wales) Act 2016* and are therefore a material consideration in planning decisions. Planners require relevant, up to date information from bat surveys if there is a reasonable chance that this species could be present on or in the immediate vicinity of the site. This is in order to assess the effects of a proposed development on bat populations as Councils have a statutory obligation under section 6 of *Part 1 Environment (Wales) Act 2016* to consider biodiversity conservation in the determination of planning applications.

The Planning Policy Wales (PPW) 2014 has been published to provide further planning guidance. Wildlife, biodiversity and ecological networks are referred to in the Chapter 5 '*Conserving and Improving Natural Heritage and the Coast*'. The PPW states the following '*When considering any development proposal (including on land allocated for development in a development plan) local planning authorities should consider environmental impact, so as to avoid, wherever possible, adverse effects on the environment. Where other material considerations outweigh the potential adverse environmental effects, authorities should seek to minimise those effects and should, where possible, retain and, where practicable, enhance features of conservation importance.*' Further guidance is provided within *Technical Advice Note 5, Nature Conservation and Planning* (2009).

Background information about the lists of priority species (Species of Principal Importance) can be found within the UK Biodiversity Action Plan (UK BAP). Although this has been succeeded by the '*UK Post-2010 Biodiversity Framework*', many of UK BAP tools are still relevant. BAPs identify habitats and species of nature conservation priority on a UK (UK BAP) and Local (LBAP) scale. Most BAP priority species have Species Action Plans (SAP) and there are also "grouped action plans" for groups of related species with similar conservation requirements. The LBAP relating to this Site is the Wrexham Biodiversity Action Plan.

### 3.0 Relevant Legislation (continued)

#### Bats

All bats and their roosts are protected under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 and the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended). Several species of bat are also highlighted as Priority Species under the UK Biodiversity Action Plan and within the Denbighshire Local Biodiversity Action Plan.

Under the current legislation as summarised on pages 8 and 9 of the Bat Surveys for Professional Ecologists Good Practice Guidelines – 3rd Edition (2016) it is a criminal offence to:

*“To kill, capture, injure or take a wild bat;*

- To damage or destroy a place used by a bat for breeding or resting. All offences of this nature are identified within the Habitats Regulations. This offence is unique in that it can be committed accidentally. No element of intentional, reckless or deliberate action needs to be evidenced;*
- To disturb bats anywhere (roosts, flight lines or foraging areas) if levels of disturbance can be shown to impair their ability to survive, to breed or reproduce, to rear or nurture their young, to hibernate or migrate or to affect significantly local distribution or abundance;*
- To intentionally or recklessly disturb a bat, whilst it is occupying a place of shelter or protection;*
- To intentionally or recklessly obstruct access to any place used by a bat for shelter or protection; and*
- To be in possession or control of a bat alive or dead (or any part of a bat or anything derived from a bat, although bat droppings are generally considered to be acceptable), or to transport a bat, to sell or exchange a bat or to offer to sell or exchange a bat taken from the wild.”*

#### Badgers

The legislation protecting badgers in Wales is the Protection of Badgers Act 1992.

Under the Protection of Badgers Act 1992 it is an offence *inter alia* to:

- Wilfully kill, injure or take a badger, or to attempt to do so;*
- Cruelly ill-treat a badger; or*
- Intentionally or recklessly interfere with a badger sett by (a) damaging a sett or any part of one; (b) destroying a sett; (c) obstructing access to or any entrance of a sett; (d) causing a dog to enter a sett; or (e) disturbing a badger when it is occupying a sett.*

The Badger Act 1992 defines a badger’s sett as “*any structure or place which displays signs indicating current use by a badger*”

### 3.2 Local Legislation

The site lies within Wrexham County Borough Council and is covered by Wrexham Unitary Development Plan (adopted February 2005). Environment and Conservation Policies EC4 and EC6 are the policies of relevance here and have been taken into account when preparing this report.

## 4.0 Survey Method

### 4.2 Bat Survey

The survey methods followed the guidelines set out by the Bat Conservation Trust (Collins 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition 2016). All buildings are numbered according to drawing P.883.17.04 *Bat Survey Location Plan* (see Appendix 1).

**Table 4.1: Guidelines for assessing Potential Roost Features (PRFs), commuting and foraging habitat within a proposed development site. Guidelines taken from table 4.1 page 35 of the Bat Conservation Trust Bat Surveys for Professional Ecologists Good Practice Guidelines – 3rd Edition (2016).**

| Suitability       | Roosting Habitats                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Commuting and Foraging Habitats                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Negligible</b> | <i>Negligible habitat features on site likely to be used by roosting bats.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <i>Negligible habitat features on site likely to be used by commuting or foraging bats.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Low</b>        | <i>A structure with one or more potential roost sites that could be used by individual bats opportunistically. However, these potential roost sites do not provide enough space, shelter, protection, appropriate conditions <sup>a</sup> and/or suitable surrounding habitat to be used on a regular basis or by larger numbers of bats (i.e. unlikely to be suitable for maternity or hibernation <sup>b</sup>). A tree of sufficient size and age to contain PRFs but with none seen from the ground or features seen with only very limited roosting potential. <sup>c</sup></i> | <i>Habitat that could be used by small numbers of commuting bats such as a gappy hedgerow or un vegetated stream, but isolated, i.e. not very well connected to the surrounding landscape by other habitat. Suitable, but isolated habitat that could be used by small numbers of foraging bats such as a lone tree (not in a parkland situation) or a patch of scrub.</i>                                                                                                  |
| <b>Moderate</b>   | <i>A structure or tree with one or more potential roost sites that could be used by bats due to their size, shelter, protection, conditions<sup>a</sup> and surrounding habitat but unlikely to support a roost of high conservation status (with respect to roost type only – the assessments in this table are made irrespective of species conservation status, which is established after presence is confirmed).</i>                                                                                                                                                            | <i>Continuous habitat connected to the wider landscape that could be used by bats for commuting such as lines of trees and scrub or linked back gardens. Habitat that is connected to the wider landscape that could be used by bats for foraging such as trees, scrub, grassland or water.</i>                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>High</b>       | <i>A structure or tree with one or more potential roost sites that are obviously suitable for use by larger numbers of bats on a more regular basis and potentially for longer periods of time due to their size, shelter, protection, conditions <sup>a</sup> and surrounding habitat.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <i>Continuous, high-quality habitat that is well connected to the wider landscape that is likely to be used regularly by commuting bats such as river valleys, streams, hedgerows, lines of trees and woodland edge. High-quality habitat that is well connected to the wider landscape that is likely to be used regularly by foraging bats such as broadleaved woodland, tree-lined watercourses and grazed parkland. Site is close to and connected to known roosts.</i> |

<sup>a</sup> For example, in terms of temperature, humidity, height above ground level, light levels of disturbance.

<sup>b</sup> Evidence from the Netherlands shows mass swarming events of common pipistrelle bats in the autumn followed by mass hibernation in a diverse range of building types in urban environments (Korsten et al., 2015). This phenomenon requires some research in the UK but ecologists should be aware of the potential for larger numbers of this species to be present during the autumn and winter in large buildings in highly urbanised environments.

<sup>c</sup> This system of categorisation aligns with BS 8596:2015 Surveying for bats in trees and woodland (BSI,2015).

## 4.0 Survey Method

### Record Search

The local biological records centre was not consulted for updated records as the council ecologist advised the results of the original ecological appraisal were still valid. A record search was undertaken as part of the ecological appraisal undertaken by JW Ecology LTD. in 2014. See 'JW Ecology Ltd. Ecological Assessment, Westminster Industrial Estate, Gwersyllt, September 2014' Appendix 3.

### Internal/External Inspection of the Building

A daytime internal and external inspection of the buildings were carried out on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017. The buildings were searched externally looking for signs of bats, including staining on barge boards, soffits and more commonly droppings on flat surfaces i.e. window ledges that would indicate potential roosting sites. Possible bat access points such as loose tiles, cracks and crevices or crawl spaces beneath and/or behind roofing materials such as roofing felt, panelling, soffits and tiles were identified and checked for signs of use by bats, for example droppings, scratch marks and staining. A Clulite Smartlite torch was used to aid the inspection of crevices.

Internally, all areas of the buildings, including the cellar (where present), were accessed where possible and inspected for signs of use by bats. The lofts were accessed where possible and fully inspected for potential use by bats. Features noted included light gaps (indicating potential access points), loft dimensions, presence of roofing felt and loft conditions such as ventilation, temperature and cobweb coverage. Signs of use by bats were searched for including droppings, scratching, staining, dead bats (particularly in uncovered water tanks) and actual bats. A Seek Thermal XR thermal imaging camera was used to aid the inspection.

The building was categorised as per Table 4.1 (above). Buildings assigned a suitability of **Low** or above may require further inspection if they are to be lost to the development.

### Preliminary Roost Assessment Trees

All trees were inspected for Potential Roost Features (PFRs). Features searched for included: Natural or woodpecker holes, cracks/splits in major limbs, loose bark, hollows/cavities, dense epicormic growth, ivy cover, and bird and bat boxes. Where such features were found they were investigated for scratches or staining, bat droppings and smoothing of surfaces around entry points. The trees were assessed for bat roost suitability as per Table 4.1 page 35 of the Bat Conservation Trust Guidelines (Collins, 2016). Trees assigned a suitability of **moderate** or above may require further inspection if they are to be lost to the development.

### Limitations

Small gaps under tiles, between brickwork and between corrugated roofs and roof lining could not be fully examined for the presence of bats. However, all entrance features could be easily examined with the aid of binoculars and torches and no signs of staining or scratches were present, therefore it is not considered that access restrictions to internal spaces limit the conclusions of the report.

## **4.0 Survey Method (continued)**

### **4.2 Badger Survey**

The site was searched for setts and badger field signs including foraging areas, latrines and tracks. Attention was paid to the presence of the following field signs:

- Setts: single holes or a series of holes likely to be interconnected underground;
- Latrines: badgers usually deposit faeces in excavated pits;
- Paths and footprints;
- Scratching posts: at the base of trees;
- Snuffle holes: areas where badgers have searched for insects;
- Day nest: bundles of vegetation where badgers may sleep above ground; and
- Traces of hair.

## **5.0 Survey Results and Evaluation**

### **5.1 Site Description**

The site comprises an industrial estate with three yards. The site is predominantly bare ground with some encroaching short perennial and tall ruderal vegetation. Areas of scrub are also present on site. The site contains seven buildings including six commercial buildings and a single residential dwelling.

The site lies within the village of Gwersyllt located within the county borough of Wrexham. The site is surrounded by areas of commercial buildings and residential dwellings. The site is bordered by playing fields to the north and west. Habitats within the wider landscape include woodland, urban settlements and agricultural fields.

The weather during the survey was warm (23°C), dry and 7/8 cloud cover. There was a force 3 (Beaufort scale) breeze during the survey. These weather conditions were considered suitable for this type of survey.

### **5.2 Record Search**

A record search was undertaken as part of the ecological appraisal undertaken by JW Ecology LTD. in 2014. Records of common pipistrelle, soprano pipistrelle and Daubenton's bats were returned from within 1km of the site. For the full details of the record search see '*JW Ecology Ltd. Ecological Assessment, Westminster Industrial Estate, Gwersyllt, September 2014*'.

Low levels of bat activity were recorded during the emergence survey undertaken by Rachel Hacking ecology in 2014. Two bats were recorded on site including a common pipistrelle foraging along the western site boundary and a common pipistrelle foraging along the north and western site boundaries.

## 5.0 Survey Results and Evaluation (continued)

### 5.3 Building Inspections

All buildings could be accessed internally and externally to undertake a full assessment of their bat roost potential. The buildings (with the exception of building 7) were fully assessed for their bat roost potential during the ecological appraisal undertaken by JW Ecology Ltd. in September 2014.

#### Building 1

A single-storey breezeblock construction with corrugated metal sheet rendering. The building has no windows and double metal doors which are all tight fitting. No evidence of bats was found within or on the exterior of the building. Some gaps are present that would allow bat access and the building contains an open void which would be suitable for void dwelling species. The building has been assessed as having **low** bat roost potential. One nocturnal survey is recommended to determine whether bats are roosting within the building.

#### Building 2

Building 2 is no longer present after having been demolished in 2014.

#### Building 3

A single-storey industrial building constructed with corrugated metal panels. The roof is flat and constructed with corrugated metal panels. Some gaps are present that would allow bat access and the building contains an open void which would be suitable for void dwelling species. The building has been assessed as having **low** bat roost potential. One nocturnal survey is recommended to determine whether bats are roosting within the building.

#### Building 4

A single-storey brick built construction with a pitched steel sheet roof. The roof is in a deteriorating condition. A window on the western aspect which faces a line of broadleaf trees was previously boarded up but has since been exposed and damaged, allowing bat access into the building. Some gaps are present that would allow bat access and the building is open from floor to ceiling making it suitable for void dwelling species. The building has been assessed as having **low** bat roost potential. One nocturnal survey is recommended to determine whether bats are roosting within the building.

#### Building 5

A single-storey brick built and corrugated metal panel construction with a pitched corrugated metal panel roof. Some gaps are present that would allow bat access and the building is open from floor to ceiling making it suitable for void dwelling species. The building has been assessed as having **low** bat roost potential. One nocturnal survey is recommended to determine whether bats are roosting within the building.

## 5.0 Survey Results and Evaluation (continued)

### Building 6

A single storey brick built construction with a flat bitumen felt roof and wooden barge boards, previously used as an office. The building is in a deteriorating condition and roosting potential exists for crevice dwelling species within gaps in the brickwork, pipe holes and behind the wooden panels covering the windows. The building has been assessed as having **moderate** bat roost potential. Two nocturnal surveys are recommended to determine whether bats are roosting within the building.

### Building 7

A single-storey brick built residential bungalow with a pitched concrete tiled roof. A extension with a flat, bitumen felt lined roof is attached to the southern aspect of the building. The loft void could not be fully accessed due to health and safety risks associated with the weak floor. The survey of the loft was therefore conducted from the loft hatch using a high-powered torch and a thermal imaging camera. The windows, doors and roof line are UPVc which is all well sealed and tight fitting against the brickwork. A wall cavity is present and multiple gaps that could allow bat access were identified within the brickwork and pitched roof. Roosting potential exists for crevice dwelling species and the building has been assessed as having **moderate** bat roost potential. Two nocturnal surveys are recommended to determine whether bats are roosting within the building.

## 5.3 Tree Inspections

The trees on site were subject to a full assessment of their bat roost potential. Roosting features searched for include rot holes, cavities, broken limbs, flaking bark and woodpecker holes. A number of trees are present on site however these are all immature or semi mature and have not yet developed features suitable for roosting bats. Trees species on site include sycamore, oak, ash, rowan, hawthorn, goat willow, hazel, birch, grey willow, elder, apple and pine. All trees on site have been assessed as having **negligible-low** bat roost potential

## 5.4 Badger Scoping Survey

No evidence of badger activity was observed on site or within the vicinity of the site. This includes setts signs, latrines, foot prints, runs, snuffle holes or scratching posts.

A single mammal burrow (Photograph 1) was observed on site. No evidence of fresh digging, bedding or hair trapped within the roots which were protruding from the walls of the hole was present to indicate the hole is being used by badger. There was no strong odour or food remains in the entrance to indicate the hole is being used by foxes. There was evidence of chewing on a root within the entrance of the mammal hole and the presence of rabbit droppings within the vicinity of the burrow consistent with rabbit activity.

## 5.0 Survey Results and Evaluation (continued)

It is considered that the hole is not being used by badgers or foxes and to be a rabbit burrow due to the lack of badger signs within the vicinity of the hole or on the site. However, the hole could be used by badgers or foxes in the future. The burrow is marked on drawing P.883.17.04 in appendix 1.

It is recommended that the mammal burrow is checked prior to work commencing within 30m of the mammal burrow if development is delayed beyond March 2018.

### 5.5 Evaluation

The majority of buildings on site were found to be in a similar condition to when they were surveyed in 2014 although Building 4 and 6 have deteriorated in condition and Building 2 has been demolished. Building 7 was not surveyed during the 2014 assessment and is now considered to have **moderate** bat roost potential. All seven buildings on site have bat roost potential with building 6 and 7 having **moderate** bat roost potential and the remainder of the buildings having **low** bat roost potential.

All trees present on site have been assessed as having **negligible-low** bat roost potential. No further surveys are recommended to determine whether bats are roosting within the trees on site.

No evidence of badger activity was found during the scoping survey. It is considered unlikely that badgers are present on site.

### 5.6 Other wildlife

No evidence of nesting birds was found within any of the buildings, however all of the buildings on site provide suitable nesting habitat for birds. Works to the roof of the buildings and building demolition should not be undertaken during the nesting season (i.e. March to August inclusive). If these works must be undertaken during this period a suitably qualified ecologist would need to check for active nests immediately prior to development works.

Anecdotal evidence suggests that a barn owl was previously roosting within Building 5 approximately 9 years ago. No signs of barn owl were noted within Building 5 or on any of the other buildings on site. It is considered that barn owls are not present on site and need no further consideration within the current planning application.

Three stands of the invasive species Japanese Knotweed were observed on site (marked on drawing P.883.17.04 in appendix 1). Japanese knotweed, is listed in Schedule 9 Part II of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. It is an offence under Section 14(2) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 to '*plant or otherwise cause to grow*' in the wild any plant in Schedule 9 Part II.

## 5.0 Survey Results and Evaluation (continued)

It is advised that the Japanese knotweed on site be controlled using suitable methods to avoid spread in the wild during works and should be treated immediately whilst the stand is small.

For full details of the development proposals potential impacts upon other protected species, see '*JW Ecology Ltd. Ecological Assessment, Westminster Industrial Estate, Gwersyllt, September 2014*'.

## 6.0 Conclusions & Recommendations

Buildings 6 and 7 have been assessed as having **moderate** bat roost potential, therefore two further bat surveys are required prior to their demolition or any refurbishment works. The remainder of the buildings on site have been assessed as having **low** bat roost potential, therefore one further nocturnal bat survey is required prior to their demolition or any refurbishment works.

All trees present on site have been assessed as having **negligible** bat roost potential.

The site is considered to be of low suitability for commuting and foraging bats however the hedgerows that surround the site are considered to be suitable habitat features for foraging and commuting bats. Lighting used during and post development works should be sensitive to the needs of bats and should avoid overspill onto the hedgerows and mature trees present along the site boundaries.

No evidence of badger activity was found during the scoping survey. It is considered unlikely that badgers are present on site and they need no further consideration within the current planning application.

### 6.1 Recommendations

The following recommendations are made in order to satisfy current wildlife legislation in respect of the bat roost potential and habitat features recorded on site:

1. Undertaking nocturnal surveys to determine whether bats are roosting within the buildings on site. Two nocturnal surveys will be required for buildings 6 and 7 and one nocturnal survey will be required for buildings 1, 3, 4 and 5;
2. The use of sympathetic lighting to reduce light spill and pollution, particularly in the vicinity of vegetated areas including the hedgerow and tree line located along the site boundaries. Lighting should use low pressure lamps or lamps fitted with filters or hoods to reduce light spill, or use sensors so that lighting is only activated when required;

## **6.0 Conclusions & Recommendations (continued)**

3. Works to the roofs of the buildings, building demolition and vegetation clearance should occur outside the nesting bird period (1<sup>st</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> August) unless a suitably qualified ecologist has confirmed that the actions proposed will not disturb bird breeding on site;
4. Japanese knotweed should be controlled prior to works commencing to avoid spread during works; and
5. It is recommended that the mammal burrow is checked prior to work commencing within 30m of the mammal burrow if works commence after March 2018.

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# Appendix 1



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**Photograph 11:** Bat roost feature identified within building 7.



**Photograph 12:** Bat roost feature identified within building 7.

## Appendix 3



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**THIS REPORT REPRESENTS AN INITIAL ECOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT OF THE SITE. FURTHER SURVEYS, AS DESCRIBED IN THE CONCLUSIONS SECTION, MAY NEED TO BE IMPLEMENTED PRIOR TO THE SUBMISSION OF A PLANNING APPLICATION. ECOLOGICAL ISSUES ARE A MATERIAL CONSIDERATION IN DETERMINING PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND ALL RELEVANT SURVEYS MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO APPLYING FOR PLANNING PERMISSION.**

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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 J W Ecological Limited were commissioned in July 2014 to undertake a baseline ecological assessment of part of the Westminster Industrial Estate, Gwersyllt, Wrexham (SJ 31567 53833). The full survey area is shown on the site location plan D/JWE/1530/001 (Appendix 1).
- 1.2 The aims of this ecological assessment were to:
- Assess and describe the Valuable Ecological Components (VECs) of the proposed development site and all land within 250 metres (referred to as “the wider survey area”).
  - Assess the likely ecological impacts of the development.
  - Identify further survey and mitigation requirements
  - Identify ecological features of the site that should be protected
  - Provide guidance as to ecological enhancement of the site
- 1.3 To meet the aims of the ecological assessment the following actions were undertaken:
- Desktop study of all land within 500 metres of the development site
  - Extended phase one habitat survey of the development site and adjacent land
- 1.4 The sites ecological value was assessed in context with current UK planning and legislative policy, including:
- Protected sites (statutory and non-statutory)
  - Statutorily protected species
  - UK and local Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) species
  - Species and habitats of local concern
  - Local wildlife strategies
- 1.5 Prior to any survey work a health and safety risk assessment of the site was undertaken. Risk assessments are undertaken on a site by site basis in order to identify potential risks with the aim to reduce these as far as is practicable.

## **2.0 SITE LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION**

- 2.1 The site is located at the northern end of the Westminster Industrial Estate, off Mold Road, to the north of Gwersyllt.
- 2.2 The survey area comprises three commercial yard areas. The yards are predominantly bare ground and contain a number of commercial buildings with a single residential bungalow to the north. Areas of scrub are located towards the site boundaries.
- 2.3 The survey area is bordered by playing fields to the north and west, an area of open land to the east and by the remainder of the industrial estate to the south.



### 3.0 DESKTOP STUDY

- 3.1 Ecological data and records of protected species were requested/gathered from the following sources (Table 1):

**Table 1: Desktop Study Sources**

| Consultee/Source of Information | Information Supplied                                                                    |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| NBN Gateway                     | Protected species and site records within 1 kilometre of the proposed development site. |
| Cofnod                          | Protected species records within 1 kilometre of the proposed development site.          |
| Natural Resources Wales (NRW)   | Protected nature conservation sites within 1 kilometre of the survey area.              |
| UK Biodiversity Action Plan     | Identification of national priority species and habitats known to occur in the region.  |
| Local Biodiversity Action Plan  | Identification of local priority species and habitats known to occur in the area.       |

#### **Statutorily Protected Sites**

- 3.2 No statutorily designated nature conservation sites are located within 1 kilometre of the survey area.

#### **Non-Statutorily Designated Sites**

- 3.3 Three local wildlife sites are located within 1 kilometre of the site. The closest of these, Woodlands and Fishpond Wood, is located some 600 metres from the survey area. The Alyn Waters Country Park is also located some 600 metres north-west of the site on the opposite side of Mold Road.

#### **Protected Species**

- 3.4 A number of records of grass snake, common pipistrelle and Daubentons bat exist within the Alyn Waters Country Park, which is located some 600 metres north-west of the survey area on the opposite side of Mold Road. A record of a great crested newt dating from 2011 also exists within the park.

Hedgehog, a UK and local BAP species, have been recorded in close proximity to the site.

The full Cofnod search results are provided in Appendix 4.



3.5 Based on information gathered from the sources listed above and desk based assessment of the site from OS maps and aerial photographs the following protected species were taken into account during the site assessment:

- Bats (all species);
- Great crested newt (*Triturus cristatus*);
- Badger (*Meles meles*);
- Water Vole (*Arvicola terrestris*);
- Otter (*Lutra lutra*);
- Reptiles (all species);

#### **UK Biodiversity Action Plan (UKBAP) Priority Species**

3.6 The UKBAP priority species which may potentially use the survey area, based on the results of the desktop study are:

- Mammals – Bats\*, Badgers\*, Hedgehog, Otter\*, Water Vole\*
- Birds – Song Thrush, Sky Lark etc.
- Amphibians – Great Crested Newts\*, Common Toad

*\* These species and/or their habitats are also statutorily protected*

#### **Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP)**

3.7 The Wrexham Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) lists key local species and habitats considered to be rare or declining in the area. Some of these species and habitats may also be of national concern.

3.8 Although local BAP documents have no legal status the Local Planning Authority (LPA) and NRW will expect the listed species and habitats to be taken into account in the overall layout and landscape strategy for the development.

3.9 The species of local concern which may potentially utilise the survey area based on the results of the desktop study are:

- Mammals – Badger\*, Otter\*, Lesser Horseshoe bat\*, Hedgehog;
- Amphibians – Great Crested Newts\*;
- Birds – Barn Owl\*;
- Reptiles – All species\*;
- Invertebrates – Dingy Skipper, Grizzled Skipper.

*\* These species and/or their habitats are also statutorily protected*



## **4.0 PLANNING CONTEXT**

### **Planning Policy Wales (Edition 3, July 2010)**

- 4.1 This document contains current land use planning policy for Wales. It provides the policy framework for the effective preparation of local planning authorities' development plans. This is supplemented by 21 topic based Technical Advice Notes (TANs). Procedural guidance is given in Welsh Office / National Assembly for Wales / Welsh Assembly Government circulars
- 4.2 Technical Advice Note 5 provides advice about how the land use planning system should contribute to protecting and enhancing biodiversity and geological conservation. This guidance note should be read in conjunction with *Planning Policy Wales (2002)*, in particular with Chapter 5 *Conserving and Improving the Natural Heritage and Coast* which sets out the Assembly Government's objectives for the natural heritage and the land use planning policies which support these.
- 4.3 This TAN brings together advice on sources of legislation relevant to various nature conservation topics which may be encountered by local planning authorities. Chapter 2 sets out the key principles of planning for nature conservation. Chapter 3 provides advice about the preparation and review of development plans, including the relevant statutory requirements. Chapter 4 addresses nature conservation in development control procedures. Chapter 5 deals with the conservation of internationally and nationally designated sites and habitats and also covers local sites. Chapter 6 deals with the conservation of protected and priority species.

## **5.0 LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT**

- 5.1 This is a brief summary of the ecological legislative context in Wales. This is general advice only and does not relate specifically to the site being assessed.

### **Ecological Assessments**

- 5.2 Ecological assessments have now become an important part of the planning process. This initial assessment is used as a means of identifying any specific interests of the site in question which are in turn used to assess suitability for protected species and to make recommendations for further survey work and mitigation.

### **Statutory Designated Sites**

- 5.3 Sites with Statutory designations receive varying degrees of legal protection under UK law and European Directives. A number of statutory designations are used for sites of high conservation value in the UK dependent on the importance of the site at a local, regional, national and international level. These designations are:
  - Special Area of Conservation (SACs)  
SACs are sites of European importance for nature conservation. These receive legal protection under the EC Habitats Directive (1992) which was incorporated into UK legislation through the Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c) Regulations 1994. In the UK all SACs are also designated as SSSIs.



- **Special Protection Areas (SPAs)**  
SPAs are sites of European importance for birdlife as designated under the Birds Directive. As with SACs all SPAs in the UK will also be designated as SSSIs.
- **Ramsar Sites**  
These sites are wetlands of international importance designated under the Ramsar Convention 1971. In most cases these sites are also designated as SPAs or Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and receive legal protection in the UK through these designations.
- **Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)**  
SSSIs are UK sites of national importance for nature conservation. These sites may be designated as a result of the habitats present or for the presence of rare species or species assemblages. SSSIs receive some legal protection through the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. This protection was recently extended through the Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act 2000.
- **National Nature Reserves (NNR)**  
NNRs are nationally important nature reserves designated by CCW under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. These sites will either be managed by CCW or an approved body and are often designated as SSSIs.
- **Local Nature Reserves (LNR)**  
Local Nature Reserve is a statutory designation made by local authorities under the Section 21 of the National Parks and Access to Countryside Act 1949. These sites may or may not be SSSIs.

#### **Non-Statutory Designated Sites**

- 5.4 Non-statutory sites are afforded no statutory legal protection but are in most cases recognised by local planning authorities and statutory agencies as being of local conservation value. The protection of these sites is usually afforded through Local Plan Policies (county, district and Unitary Development Plans) and these sites will in most cases be taken into account as a material consideration by the local authority when deciding planning applications. These sites are designated by the local authority (usually in consultation with the local Wildlife Trust and other agencies).

#### **Protected Species and their Habitats**

- 5.5 In the majority of cases relevant to planning applications protected species are those listed in Schedules 1, 5 and 8 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act (as amended), the Protection of Badgers Act 1992 and the Habitats & Species Regulations 2010. The extent of legal protection varies between species, as do the implications for developments where these species are to be affected.



## 5.6 Great Crested Newts

Great Crested Newts (*Triturus cristatus*) are protected under Regulation 41 of The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 and Section 9 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), being listed in Schedule 5 of the act. Under the legislation it is an offence to:

- Intentionally kill, take or injure a great crested newt;
- Damage, destroy or obstruct a place a great crested newt uses for breeding, resting, shelter or protection or to disturb a great crested newt in such a place.
- Possess or control a great crested newt alive or dead, or any part of them, or anything derived from them.
- Sell, offer for sale, advertise for sale or offer to buy a great crested newt, or a part of them or anything derived from them.
- Deliberately disturb or deliberately take or destroy the eggs of a great crested newt.

Offences under Section 9 carry a maximum penalty of a fine up to £5000, imprisonment for up to six months, or both, for each animal in respect of which an offence is committed.

Licenses can be issued in order to allow activities that would constitute an offence under the legislation. Licenses can be issued for specific purposes including scientific study, photography, conservation management and development.

It is important to identify the presence of great crested newts as early as possible in a development so that the legal obligations regarding this species can be observed. If surveys identify the presence of great crested newts on site a mitigation scheme must be developed in consultation with the local NRW team. This mitigation scheme must minimise direct threats to newts and compensate for any habitat loss. A licence issued by the Welsh Assembly is required before the mitigation scheme can be legally implemented. Mitigation licence applications require full Method Statements and a Reasoned Statement of Application. The method statement contains details of the proposed mitigation works whilst the Reasoned Statement must provide justification as to how the proposed development meets the requirements of the legislation.

## 5.7 Bats

All species of bat and their breeding sites or resting places (roosts) are protected under Regulation 41 of The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 and Section 9 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended). Under the legislation it is an offence to:

- intentionally kill, injure or handle a bat;
- to possess a bat (whether live or dead)
- disturb a roosting bat;
- sell or offer a bat for sale without a licence;
- damage, destroy or obstruct access to any place used by bats for shelter, whether they are present or not.

The potential fine for each offence is £5,000. If more than one bat is involved, the fine is £5,000 per bat. An offender can also be imprisoned for up to six months.

Where bats are found to occur on a development site, and there is considered to be a reasonable possibility that a roost may be damaged or destroyed or that bats using a roost will be disturbed, a licence must be obtained from NRW.



## 5.8 Badgers

Badgers (*Meles meles*) and their habitat are protected under The Protection of Badgers Act 1992 and are also included on Schedule 6 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, and Appendix III of the Bern Convention. The legislation affords badgers protection against deliberate harm or injury making it an offence to:

- wilfully kill, injure, take, possess or cruelly ill-treat a badger (or attempt to do so)
- to interfere with a sett by damaging or destroying it
- to obstruct access to, or entrance of, a badger sett
- to disturb a badger whilst it is occupying a sett

Penalties for offences include fines of up to £5000, plus up to six months imprisonment, for each illegal sett interference, badger injury or death.

Works that disturb badgers whilst they are occupying a sett are illegal without a licence. Disturbance can occur even without direct interference or damage to the sett in question. In general, the following activities are likely to require a licence:

- Use of heavy machinery or significant earth moving within 30m of a sett
- Use of lighter machinery (usually any wheeled vehicles) within 20m of a sett
- Any digging, chain saw use or scrub clearance within 10m of a sett

## 5.9 Reptiles

All species of British reptile are protected against intentional killing, injury or sale under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended). The Sand Lizard and the Smooth Snake are afforded a higher degree of protection under Regulation 41 of The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 making it an offence to:

- Intentionally kill, take or injure these species of reptile;
- Damage, destroy or obstruct a place a these species use for breeding, resting, shelter or protection or to disturb these species in such a place;
- Possess or control these species alive or dead, or any part of them, or anything derived from them;
- Sell, offer for sale, advertise for sale or offer to these species, or a part of them or anything derived from them;
- Deliberately disturb or deliberately take or destroy the eggs of these species.

The distribution of Smooth Snakes and Sand Lizards is limited to heathland habitats in Surrey, Dorset, Hampshire and Sussex. The Sand Lizard is also known to occur on sand dune habitats in Merseyside and has recently been introduced to some areas of North Wales.

Licenses can be issued in order to allow activities that would constitute an offence under the legislation. Licenses can be issued for specific purposes including scientific study, photography, conservation management and development.

In England and Wales a development license must be obtained from Natural England or NRW before undertaking any works that will affect Sand Lizards or Smooth Snakes or their habitat. A license is not required to carry out surveys or mitigation for other reptile species.



#### 5.10 Otters

The Eurasian Otter is protected under Regulation 41 of The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 and Section 9 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), being listed in Schedule 5 of the act. Under the legislation it is an offence to:

- Deliberately, capture, injure or kill an Otter;
- Damage, destroy or obstruct their breeding or resting places;
- Disturb otters in their breeding or resting places.

Offences under Section 9 carry a maximum penalty of a fine up to £5000, imprisonment for up to six months, or both, for each animal in respect of which an offence is committed.

There is, however, provision within the legislation to kill, take, disturb or possess otters or to use prohibited methods to kill or take under a licence in certain defined circumstances, if the issue cannot be resolved by any alternative means. Licenses can be granted for a variety of purposes, including development.

#### 5.11 Water Vole

Water Voles and their habitats are afforded protection under Section 9 of the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended). Under the legislation it is an offence to:

- Intentionally kill, injure or take (capture) a water vole;
- Possess or control a live or dead water vole, or any part of a water vole or anything derived from a water vole;
- Intentionally or recklessly damage, destroy or obstruct access to any structure or place which a water vole uses for shelter or protection
- Intentionally or recklessly disturb a water vole while it is occupying a structure or place which it uses for shelter or protection;
- Sell, offer or expose for sale, or have in one's possession or transport for the purpose of sale, any live or dead water voles, or any part of a water vole or anything derived from a water vole;
- Publish any advertisement, or cause any advertisement to be published, which is likely to be understood as conveying that a person buys or sells, or intends to buy or sell, any of the above things.

Offences under Section 9 carry a maximum penalty of a fine up to £5000, imprisonment for up to six months, or both, for each animal in respect of which an offence is committed.

There is no provision under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 for licences to be issued for the purpose of development



## 5.12 Birds

Section 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside act 1981 makes it an offence to intentionally kill, injure, handle or remove any wild bird (with the exception of some pest species), to take or damage a nest whilst it is in use or being built and to take or destroy eggs.

Species listed in Schedule 1 of the Act (see Table 1), including the Little Ringed Plover, Barn Owl and Kingfisher, are afforded an even higher level of protection. In addition to the offence of taking, damaging or destroying nests or eggs it is also an offence to disturb Schedule 1 species whilst they are building or sitting on nests.

Whilst it is not an offence to disturb non-Schedule 1 species whilst they are building or sitting on a nest an offence may occur if the bird is permanently driven away from its nesting site by prolonged disturbance which leads to the failure of eggs or the death of young.

Surveys for the presence of breeding birds are required if any nesting habitat is to be removed during the breeding season (March to August inclusive).

## **Invasive Plant Species**

- 5.13 Under Section 14 (2) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981) it is illegal to spread the invasive non-native plants Japanese Knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*), Himalayan Balsam (*Impatiens glandulifera*) and Giant Hogweed (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*). At present no requirement exists to eradicate these plants from sites where they are already established
- 5.14 Environment Agency guidance also exists for the aquatic weeds Australian swap stonecrop (*Crassula helmsii*), Floating pennywort (*Hydrocotyle ranunculoides*) and Parrot's feather (*Myriophyllum aquaticum*). Although no legal obligation exists it is considered good practice to avoid spreading these invasive plants when working in infested areas.



## **6.0 HABITAT SURVEY**

### **Extended Phase One Methods**

- 6.1 An extended phase one habitat survey of the site was undertaken by Joe Whittick BSc (Hons.) MCIEEM on the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014.
- 6.2 The extended phase one habitat survey is a standard method of survey widely used as the basis of ecological assessments (JNCC, 1993). The phase one survey covers the footprint of the proposed development and descriptions of the immediate surrounding area (up to 100 metres). A habitat map is prepared to show the locations and extent of habitats. Detailed descriptions of important plant communities, other valuable ecological components (e.g. protected species potential) and invasive plant species are provided as target notes.
- 6.3 The phase one habitat survey is not intended to provide a comprehensive list of species. Plant species lists have been compiled with the aim of characterising habitats in order to assess their importance for nature conservation.
- 6.4 Incidental observations of birds and mammals were also made during the phase one habitat survey.

### **Results**

- 6.5 The habitat survey is illustrated on Drawing D/JWE/1530/002 (Appendix 1). Target Notes are presented in Appendix 2.
- 6.6 The following habitats were recorded within the survey area and adjacent land:
- Buildings
  - Bare ground
  - Ephemeral/short perennial herbs
  - Amenity grassland
  - Semi-improved grassland
  - Tall ruderal herbs
  - Dense/continuous scrub
  - Scattered scrub
  - Broad-leaved plantation woodland
  - Scattered broad-leaved trees
  - Scattered coniferous trees



## 6.7 Habitats within the proposed development site and wider survey area:

- Buildings

A number of commercial buildings and a single residential bungalow are located on site:

Building 1 is a commercial building constructed of breeze block and corrugated sheet (see photograph 1, Appendix 3).

Building 2 is a single-storey office/workshop building constructed of prefabricated panels and with a flat roof (see photograph 2, Appendix 3). The building has fascia boards around the edge of the roof.

Building 3 is a large single-storey industrial building constructed of corrugated steel sheet (see photograph 3, Appendix 3).

Building 4 is a small single-storey brick building with a dilapidated pitched steel sheet roof (see photograph 4, Appendix 3).

Building 5 is a large workshop building constructed of brick and corrugated sheet with a pitched corrugated sheet roof (see photograph 5, Appendix 3). The building is open to the roof on the interior (see photograph 6, Appendix 3)

Building 6 is a small single-storey brick office building with a flat felt roof (see photograph 7, Appendix 3). The building has timber fascia boards around the edge of the roof.

Building 7 is a residential bungalow building. The bungalow is of brick construction with a pitched concrete tile roof.

- Bare ground

Extensive areas of hard-standing access roads and yards are located throughout the site (see photograph 8, Appendix 3).

- Ephemeral/short perennial herbs

Areas of herbs on shallow gravelly soil are located throughout the site (see photograph 9, Appendix 3). Species in these areas include self-heal, yarrow, ragwort, daisy, colt's-foot and clover.

- Amenity grassland

Small areas of amenity grassland are located adjacent to Building 6.

- Semi-improved grassland

A small area of species-poor rough semi-improved grassland is located to the north of the site (see photograph 10, Appendix 3). Species in this area include yarrow, ribwort plantain, daisy, occasional bird's-foot trefoil and red clover.

- Tall ruderal herbs

Small areas of tall herbs are located towards the site boundaries.



- Scrub  
Dense areas of scrub are located along the northern and western site boundaries (see photograph 11, Appendix 3). The area of scrub on the embankment on the south-western site boundary is particularly dense and includes scattered trees (see photograph 12, Appendix 3). Species in the scrub areas include bramble, willow, broom, elder, hawthorn and ragwort.
- Scattered scrub  
Scattered bramble and willow scrub is located throughout the survey area. Self-seeded sapling trees including ash and silver birch are also present throughout the site.
- Broad-leaved plantation woodland  
A band of broad-leaved plantation trees extends along the outside of the northern and western site boundaries (see photograph 13, Appendix 3). Species in this area include oak, ash, hawthorn, blackthorn and elder.
- Scattered broad-leaved trees  
Scattered planted trees including sycamore and rowan are located to the west of Building 6 (see photograph 14, Appendix 3).  
  
Scattered trees including rowan, willow, ash and sycamore are located in the scrub areas on site, particularly the scrub area on the embankment on the western site boundary.
- Scattered coniferous trees  
A band of mature conifers is located on the south-eastern site boundary (see photograph 15, Appendix 3).



## 6.8 Extended Phase One Habitat Survey Overview

- Great crested newts – No ponds were identified on site and no ponds are shown on OS maps within 250 metres of the site boundary.
- Bats – An internal and external bat survey of the commercial buildings on site was undertaken as part of the phase one survey. In general all of the commercial buildings were assessed as having low potential as roosting sites given their relatively modern construction and corrugated sheet or flat roofs which offer limited roosting opportunities for bats. Single or small numbers of bats, particularly species such as the pipstrelles, could however roost in small gaps and crevices around the edges of the roofs of the buildings or behind fascia boards. No evidence of past or present bat roosting activity was identified during the daytime survey.

The bungalow building to the north of the site was not subject to detailed survey. The building was however assessed to have moderate potential as a roosting site.

No trees on site were found to have features which could support roosting bats.

Bats use linear habitat features, such as lines of trees and hedgerows, as navigational markers allowing them to commute between roosting and foraging sites. The trees and scrub areas at the site boundaries, particularly the western boundary, could be used by bats in this way.

- Badgers – No badger setts, or other evidence of badger activity (latrines etc.), were identified on site or within 30 metres of the site boundary. Dense scrub did however restrict access to some parts of the site, particularly along the embankment on the western site boundary.
- Reptiles – The habitats on site offer some limited foraging and refuge opportunities for common reptile species, primarily confined to the areas of scrub at the site boundaries.
- Water Voles – No habitats with potential to support water voles are located on or adjacent to the site.
- Otters – No habitats with potential to support otters are located on or adjacent to the site.
- Birds – Birds are likely to nest in the trees and scrub located on and adjacent to the survey area. Birds could also potentially nest in/on the site buildings.
- Invasive Species – No Japanese Knotweed, Himalayan balsam or giant hogweed were identified within the site boundary. Dense vegetation did however restrict the survey in some areas, particularly along the embankment on the western site boundary. Japanese knotweed is present in land outside of the southern site boundary.

## 6.9 Other Observations

No other issues were identified on site.



## **7.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **7.1 Protected Sites**

No statutorily designated nature conservation sites are located within 1 kilometre of the survey area.

Three local wildlife sites are located within 1 kilometre of the survey area. No impacts on these sites are predicted given their distance from the survey area and that they are all separated from the site by significant development or main roads.

### **7.2 Habitats**

The site comprises predominantly existing buildings and bare ground with limited conservation value. The areas of scrub and trees at the site boundaries will have ecological value, particularly to birds and invertebrates, and will also act as wildlife corridors. The dense scrub and trees on the embankment on the western site boundary has particular value as a wildlife corridor and should ideally be retained as part of any proposals for the site.

In order to enhance the ecological value of the site any new tree and shrub planting should aim to use a high proportion of native species or species with known attraction to wildlife (particularly native flowering plants). This will ensure that the site has value to local wildlife.

### **7.3 Great Crested Newts**

No ponds were identified on site and no ponds are shown on OS maps within 250 metres of the site boundary. No great crested newt issues are thought to exist for the proposals.

### **7.4 Bats**

The buildings on site, with the exception of the residential bungalow to the north, have generally low potential as roosting sites for bats. No evidence of bat roosting activity was however identified during the daytime survey. The bungalow building to the north of the site will not be affected by the current proposals. If this were to change then further dusk/dawn bat surveys of this building are recommended during the period May to August.

No trees on site were found to have features which could support roosting bats. No bat roosting issues are thought to exist for any tree works.

Bats use linear habitat features, such as lines of trees and hedgerows, as navigational markers allowing them to commute between roosting and foraging sites. The trees and scrub on the northern, eastern and western site boundaries could be used by bats in this way. These features of the site should be retained wherever possible. If significant loss of potential bat commuting routes will take place then additional dusk and dawn bat activity surveys may be required in order to identify any significant commuting routes and foraging areas and to ensure that these are adequately mitigated for.

New external lighting as part of the proposals has the potential to impact bat commuting and foraging activity. In order to minimise impacts external light levels should be kept to the minimum necessary and light should be directed towards the centre of the site and away from the site boundaries.



**7.5 Badgers**

No badger setts, or other evidence of badger activity, were identified on site during the phase one survey. Dense scrub did however restrict the survey in some areas, particularly on the embankment on the western site boundary. As a precaution, any clearance of dense vegetation from the site should be undertaken with care and with badgers in mind. If any large mammal holes are identified then all works should cease and an experienced badger ecologist should be contacted for further guidance.

**7.6 Reptiles**

The habitats on site are in general of a poor quality for reptiles. Foraging and refuge opportunities do however exist, particularly towards the site boundaries.

As a precaution, the clearance of any potential reptile refuge areas from the site (eg. dense scrub/shrubs) should be undertaken with care under an appropriate method statement in order to allow any reptiles which may be present to disperse. If significant loss of habitats will occur then additional reptile surveys may be required. The optimum survey months are April/May and September.

**7.7 Water Voles**

No habitats with potential to support water voles are located on or adjacent to the site. No water vole issues are thought to exist for the proposals.

**7.8 Otters**

No habitats with potential to support otters are located on or adjacent to the site. No otter issues are thought to exist for the proposals.

**7.9 Birds**

Birds could nest in the trees and shrubs on site and these habitats should wherever possible be retained as part of any proposals. Where removals are unavoidable, works to remove/manage potential nesting habitat should where possible be undertaken outside of the bird nesting season (the nesting season runs from March to August inclusive). If clearance/management works are to take place during the nesting season a recheck of the site should be undertaken by an experienced surveyor immediately prior to the start of works. If breeding birds are found during the survey the nest should not be disturbed and works should be delayed until nesting is complete and young birds have fledged. Nesting bird checks should also be undertaken if works to the site buildings will commence during the nesting season.

**7.10 Hedgehog**

Any clearance of potential hedgehog refuge areas (for example dense scrub, wood piles) should be undertaken with care and preferably by hand in order to avoid harm to any hedgehogs which may be present. Where possible, clearance of potential refuge areas should also be avoided during the winter months when hedgehogs may be hibernating.



#### 7.11 Invasive Species

No Japanese Knotweed, Himalayan Balsam or Giant Hogweed were identified within the site boundary during the phase one survey. The survey was however restricted by dense vegetation in some areas, particularly on the embankment on the western site boundary. As a precaution, any clearance of dense vegetation from the site should be undertaken with care as stands of invasive species could be concealed within these areas.

Japanese knotweed is present in land outside of the southern site boundary. This area should not however be disturbed by works on site.

**THESE SURVEY RESULTS ARE VALID FOR UP TO 1 YEAR AFTER WHICH RE-SURVEYS ARE RECOMMENDED**

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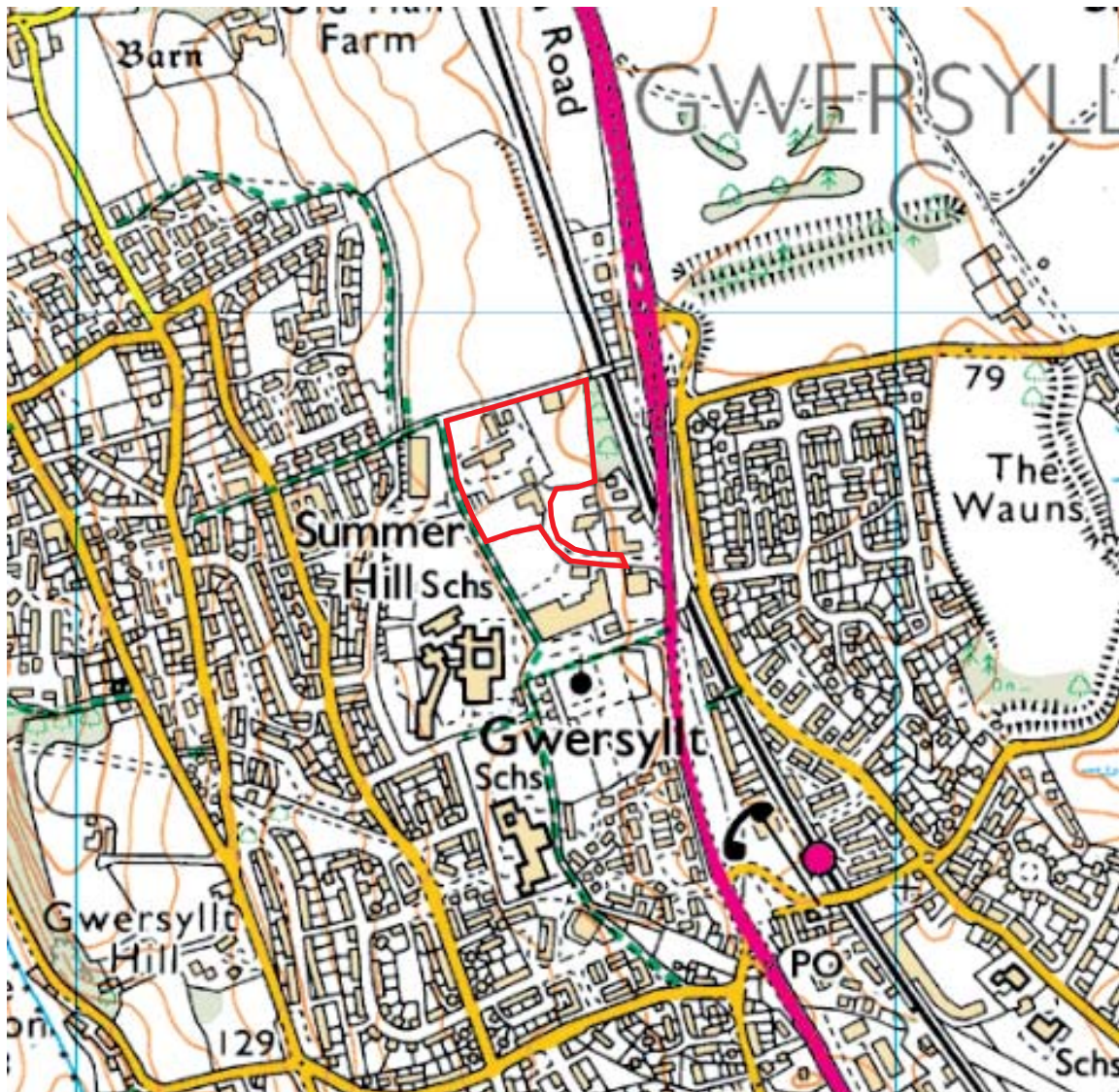
## **APPENDIX 1**

### **Drawings:**

**Site Location Plan - D/JWE/1530/001**

**Extended Phase One Habitat Plan - D/JWE/1530/002**





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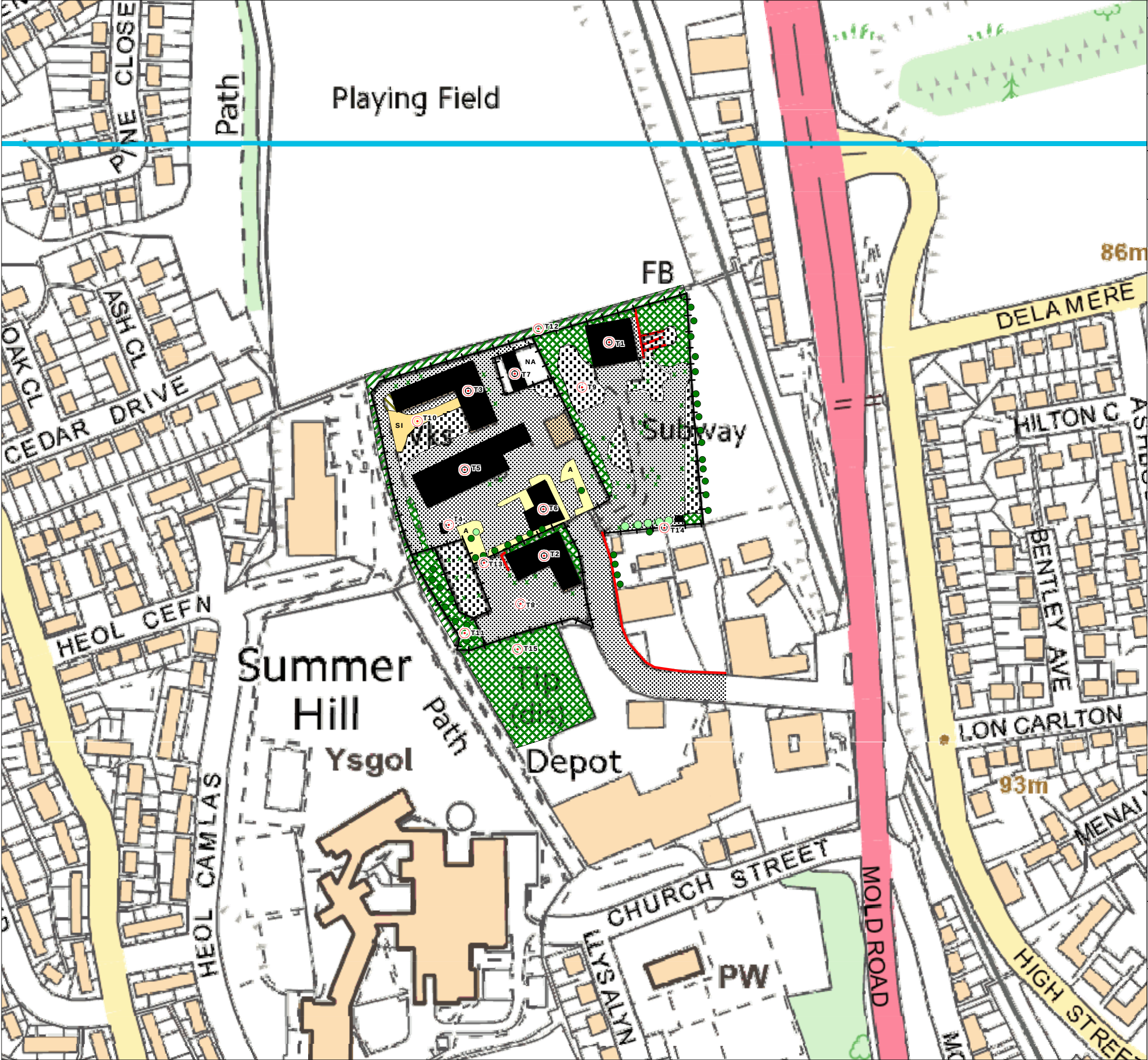
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Site:

Westminster Industrial Estate

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Extended Phase One Survey Plan

KEY:

Buildings

Bare ground

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Amenity grassland

SI

Semi-improved grassland

Ephemeral/short perennial herbs

Broad-leaved plantation woodland

Scattered broad-leaved trees

Scattered coniferous trees

Dense/continuous scrub/shrubs

x x x

Scattered scrub

Tall ruderal herbs

Fence

Wall

NA

No access for survey

Target Notes (See Appendix 2 of report)

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## **APPENDIX 2**

### **Target Notes**



The target notes listed below relate to drawing number D/JWE/1530/002 (Appendix 1):

**Target Note 1 (T1)**

Building 1. Commercial building constructed of breeze block and corrugated sheet.

**Target Note 2 (T2)**

Building 2. Single-storey office/workshop building constructed of prefabricated panels and with a flat roof. The building has fascia boards around the edge of the roof.

**Target Note 3 (T3)**

Building 3. Large single-storey industrial building constructed of corrugated steel sheet.

**Target Note 4 (T4)**

Building 4. Small single-storey brick building with a dilapidated pitched steel sheet roof.

**Target Note 5 (T5)**

Building 5. Large workshop building constructed of brick and corrugated sheet with a pitched corrugated sheet roof. The building is open to the roof on the interior.

**Target Note 6 (T6)**

Building 6. Small single-storey brick office building with a flat felt roof. The building has timber fascia boards around the edge of the roof.

**Target Note 7 (T7)**

Building 7. Residential bungalow building. The bungalow is of brick construction with a pitched concrete tile roof.

**Target Note 8 (T8)**

Hard-standing yard areas.

**Target Note 9 (T9)**

Areas of ephemeral/short perennial herbs on shallow gravelly soil. Species in these areas include self-heal, yarrow, ragwort, daisy, colt's-foot and clover.

**Target Note 10 (T10)**

Small area of species-poor rough semi-improved grassland located to the north of the site. Species in this area include yarrow, ribwort plantain, daisy, occasional bird's-foot trefoil and red clover.

**Target Note 11 (T11)**

Dense area of scrub on the embankment on the south-western site boundary. Species in the scrub areas include bramble, willow, broom, elder, hawthorn and ragwort. Scattered trees including rowan, sycamore, ash and willow are also present.



**Target Note 12 (T12)**

Band of broad-leaved plantation trees extending along the outside of the northern and western site boundaries. Species in this area include oak, ash, hawthorn, willow, blackthorn and elder.

**Target Note 13 (T13)**

Scattered planted trees including sycamore and rowan located to the west of Building 6.

**Target Note 14 (T14)**

Band of mature conifers located on the south-eastern site boundary.

**Target Note 15 (T15)**

Japanese knotweed on adjacent site.



### **APPENDIX 3**

#### **Photographs**





**Photograph 1 – Building 1**



**Photograph 2 – Building 2**



**Photograph 3 – Building 3**



**Photograph 4 – Building 4**





**Photograph 5 – Building 5**



**Photograph 6 – Interior of Building 5**



**Photograph 7 – Building 6**



**Photograph 8 – Hard-standing yard areas**





**Photograph 9 – Ephemeral/short perennial herbs**



**Photograph 10 – Semi-improved grassland to north of site**



**Photograph 11 – Scrub in the north-eastern corner of the site**



**Photograph 12 – Dense scrub on the south-western site boundary**





**Photograph 13 – Broad-leaved woodland outside of the northern site boundary**



**Photograph 14 – Scattered broad-leaved trees to west of Building 6**



**Photograph 15 – Scattered coniferous trees on the south-eastern site boundary**



## **APPENDIX 4**

### **Record search results**



Please read **Important Issues** and **Notes** before interpreting the following information.

| Our Ref. | Client Name        | Date Run   | Your Ref. |
|----------|--------------------|------------|-----------|
| E03960   | J W Ecological Ltd | 30/07/2014 | 1530      |

| Site Name                     | Grid Reference |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Westminster Industrial Estate | SJ3156753833   |

| Category 1 Species (Species with European and/or UK Legal Protection, Section 42 [NERC] Species or UK BAP Priority Species) within 1000m - 44 records |                                             |                                         |                  |                  |               |                                         |                                                                                                                                                 |                           |                                                                      |   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---|
| Taxon Name                                                                                                                                            | Grid Reference                              | Date                                    | Recorder(s)      | Abundance        | Record Type   | Site Name                               | Comments                                                                                                                                        | Dataset ID                | Lists                                                                | V |
| Erinaceus europaeus<br>(Hedgehog/Draenog)                                                                                                             | SJ3146053744                                | Summer 2001                             | Anon             | 1                |               | Summer Hill, Wrexham                    | Alive.                                                                                                                                          | D0971/001/01<br>(4148213) | S42, UKBAP, LBAP[ANG, CON, FLI, GWY]                                 | 4 |
| Pipistrellus pipistrellus<br>(Common Pipistrelle/Ystlum Lleiaf Cyffredin)                                                                             | SJ3153                                      | 30/07/1982                              | Anon             |                  |               | Site Name Withheld                      |                                                                                                                                                 | D1486/001/01<br>(4095359) | Bern, Bonn, EPS, HDir, S42, WCA5, LBAP[ANG, CON, DEN, FLI, GWY, SNP] | 3 |
| Natrix natrix<br>(Grass Snake/Neidr y Gwair)                                                                                                          | SJ319544                                    | 12/06/2011                              | Charles Conway   | 1                |               | Alyn Waters Country Park.               | With Anita & Paul Mulligan, Liz Case, Christine, & Lauren Conwy, Sue Pinnington & Steve Ryder. Site centroid used. Under refugia. field record. | D0969/001/04<br>(4885123) | S42, UKBAP, WCA5, LBAP[ANG, CON, DEN, FLI, GWY, SNP]                 | 4 |
| Natrix natrix<br>(Grass Snake/Neidr y Gwair)                                                                                                          | SJ32005442 (Selected from Interactive Map)  | 01/07/2011                              | Christine Conway | 1 Sub-adult      | Live Sighting | Alyn Waters Country Park                | Young snake, uncertain of age or sex, 'in blue'.                                                                                                | D1117/001/01<br>(3040906) | S42, UKBAP, WCA5, LBAP[ANG, CON, DEN, FLI, GWY, SNP]                 | 4 |
| Meles meles<br>(Badger/Mochyn Daear)                                                                                                                  | SJ3153                                      | 18/11/2009                              | Eric Fletcher    | 1 Dead Adult     |               | Site Name Withheld                      | Comments Withheld                                                                                                                               | D0969/001/04<br>(4884822) | BA, LBAP[CON, DEN, FLI, WRE]                                         | 4 |
| Phyllonorycter sagitella<br>(Scarce Aspen Midge/Dynyn Aethnen Prin)                                                                                   | SJ313545                                    | Sep 1987                                | J B Formstone    | 1 Adult          |               | Old hall farm (Summerhill)              | One leaf mine on Aspen. Habitat: Roadside and verge. Method: Daytime observation.                                                               | D1427/001/02<br>(5340633) | S42, UKBAP, LBAP[CON]                                                | 3 |
| Rana temporaria<br>(Common Frog/Llyffant Melyn)                                                                                                       | SJ323538 (Estimated Centroid of Site Name)) | Apr 2002 - May 2002                     | Leonard Perry    | 100s             |               | Wrexham; Bradley                        | Torch survey.                                                                                                                                   | D1310/001/01<br>(2700479) | HDir, WCA5, LBAP[ANG, CON, FLI]                                      | 1 |
| Natrix natrix<br>(Grass Snake/Neidr y Gwair)                                                                                                          | SJ320544                                    | 26/04/2010                              | Mick Brummage    | 2 Adult Female   | Live sighting | Alyn Waters Country Park                | One under a refuge in grassland, the other in bramble scrub.                                                                                    | D0035/002/01<br>(2100036) | S42, UKBAP, WCA5, LBAP[ANG, CON, DEN, FLI, GWY, SNP]                 | 4 |
| Bufo bufo<br>(Common Toad/Llyffant Dafadennog)                                                                                                        | SJ320545 (Selected from Interactive Map)    | 17/03/2011                              | Alasdair         | 2 Adult          |               | Alyn Waters Country Park                | Found in a pond(not breeding).                                                                                                                  | D1117/001/01<br>(2937974) | S42, UKBAP, WCA5, LBAP[ANG, CON, DEN, FLI, GWY]                      | 4 |
| Lissotriton vulgaris<br>(Smooth Newt/Madfall Ddwr Gyffredin)                                                                                          | SJ32045455                                  | 12/05/2009                              | Christine Conway | numerous         |               | Pond at Alyn Waters, far side from gate | Males and females present. Casual.                                                                                                              | D0969/001/04<br>(4884624) | WCA5, LBAP[CON, DEN, FLI]                                            | 1 |
| Natrix natrix<br>(Grass Snake/Neidr y Gwair)                                                                                                          | SJ3212954515 (GPS Reading)                  | 04/09/2011                              | Mick Brummage    | 1 Adult Female   | Live Sighting | Alyn Waters Country Park                | Large, very dark female.                                                                                                                        | D0035/002/01<br>(3431178) | S42, UKBAP, WCA5, LBAP[ANG, CON, DEN, FLI, GWY, SNP]                 | 4 |
| Pipistrellus<br>(Pipistrellus Bat Species)                                                                                                            | SJ3253                                      | 16/07/2003                              | Anon             | 1                |               | Site Name Withheld                      |                                                                                                                                                 | D1486/001/01<br>(4093203) | Bonn, EPS, WCA5                                                      | 3 |
| Natrix natrix<br>(Grass Snake/Neidr y Gwair)                                                                                                          | SJ32115454 (Selected from Interactive Map)  | 05/05/2011                              | Alasdair Thomson | 1 Adult          |               | Alyn Waters Country Park                | Found under corrugated sheeting.                                                                                                                | D1117/001/01<br>(2775931) | S42, UKBAP, WCA5, LBAP[ANG, CON, DEN, FLI, GWY, SNP]                 | 4 |
| Falco tinnunculus<br>(Kestrel/Cudyll Coch)                                                                                                            | SJ319546                                    | 2 records, on 30/08/2010 and 26/10/2010 | John Whittaker   | 1 Adult, 1 Adult | Live Sighting | alynwaters                              | Hunting in meadow; Hunting over meadow then landed on a tree near VC.                                                                           | D1117/001/01              | Bern, Bonn, CITES, S42, WBR[RSPB], LBAP[ANG, CON, DEN, FLI, GWY]     | 4 |
| Monotropa hypopitys<br>(Yellow Bird's-nest/Cytwrf)                                                                                                    | SJ319546                                    | 15/07/2011                              | John Whittaker   | 15 Flowering     |               | Alyn waters country park                | Found in rough circular group.                                                                                                                  | D1117/001/01<br>(3376695) | RD1, S42, UKBAP, LBAP[GWY]                                           | 4 |
| Myotis daubentonii<br>(Daubenton's Bat/Ystlum y Dwr)                                                                                                  | SJ3154                                      | 15/09/2010                              | John Whittaker   |                  |               | Site Name Withheld                      | Comments Withheld                                                                                                                               | D1117/001/01<br>(2102980) | Bern, Bonn, EPS, HDir, WCA5, LBAP[CON, DEN, FLI, GWY]                | 2 |
| Pipistrellus pipistrellus<br>(Pipistrelle/Ystlum Lleiaf)                                                                                              | SJ3154                                      | 15/09/2010                              | John Whittaker   |                  |               | Site Name Withheld                      | Comments Withheld                                                                                                                               | D1117/001/01<br>(2102979) | Bern, Bonn, EPS, HDir, S42, WCA5, LBAP[ANG, CON, DEN, FLI, GWY, SNP] | 2 |
| Pipistrellus pygmaeus<br>(Soprano Pipistrelle/Ystlum Lleiaf Uchelsain)                                                                                | SJ3154                                      | 15/09/2010                              | John Whittaker   |                  |               | Site Name Withheld                      | Comments Withheld                                                                                                                               | D1117/001/01<br>(2102978) | Bonn, EPS, S42, UKBAP, WCA5, LBAP[ANG, DEN, FLI, GWY, SNP]           | 2 |
| Turdus iliacus<br>(Redwing/Coch Dan Adain)                                                                                                            | SJ319546                                    | 2 records, on 26/10/2010 and 15/11/2010 | John Whittaker   | 20 Adult, 6      | Live Sighting | alynwaters                              | Small number on path near VC drinking from puddle; flying over-migrants.                                                                        | D1117/001/01              | BDir, WBAm[RSPB], WCA1, LBAP[CON]                                    | 4 |

| Taxon Name                                                                     | Grid Reference                                      | Date                                         | Recorder(s)                        | Abundance         | Record Type   | Site Name                 | Comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Dataset ID                | Lists                                                                 | V |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---|
| <i>Turdus pilaris</i><br>( <i>Fieldfare/Socan Eira</i> )                       | SJ319546                                            | 2 records, on 26/10/2010 and 15/11/2010      | John Whittaker                     | 1+, 10 Adult      | Live Sighting | alynwaters                | feeding on haws;migrants; First of autumn, as predicted. Mainly feeding on hawthorn.                                                                                                                                           | D1117/001/01              | BDir, WBAm[RSPB], WCA1, LBAP[CON]                                     | 4 |
| <i>Natrix natrix</i><br>( <i>Grass Snake/Neidr y Gwair</i> )                   | SJ32095457 ( <i>Selected from Interactive Map</i> ) | 02/08/2011                                   | Christine Conway                   | 1 Adult Female    |               | Alyn waters country park  | Under black mat to left of path as you walk towards visitor centre; she was 'in blue'.                                                                                                                                         | D1117/001/01<br>(3146193) | S42, UKBAP, WCA5, LBAP[ANG, CON, DEN, FLI, GWY, SNP]                  | 4 |
| <i>Natrix natrix</i><br>( <i>Grass Snake/Neidr y Gwair</i> )                   | SJ32095458 ( <i>Selected from Interactive Map</i> ) | 01/07/2011                                   | Christine Conway                   | 1 Sub-adult       | Live Sighting | Alyn Waters Country Park  | I am uncertain of age and sex of snake but is considerably smaller than adult female seen in same spot, so treating as juvenile or sub-adult. Head differs in shape to the female so may be a male. Confident in species type. | D1117/001/01<br>(3040905) | S42, UKBAP, WCA5, LBAP[ANG, CON, DEN, FLI, GWY, SNP]                  | 4 |
| <i>Erynnis tages</i><br>( <i>Dingy Skipper/Gwibiwr Llwyd</i> )                 | SJ321545                                            | 27/05/2012                                   | Richard Rowlandson                 | Present           |               | Alyn Waters.              | Site centroid used. field record.                                                                                                                                                                                              | D0969/001/04<br>(4877407) | S42, UKBAP, LBAP[CON, FLI, GWY]                                       | 1 |
| <i>Natrix natrix</i><br>( <i>Grass Snake/Neidr y Gwair</i> )                   | SJ317547                                            | 2000                                         | Tamsin Butler                      | 1 adult           |               | Alyn Waters Country Park  | 1 adult.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | D0035/002/01<br>(2502500) | S42, UKBAP, WCA5, LBAP[ANG, CON, DEN, FLI, GWY, SNP]                  | 4 |
| <i>Triturus cristatus</i><br>( <i>Great Crested Newt/Madfall Ddwr Gribog</i> ) | SJ320546                                            | 07/03/2007 - 09/03/2007                      | Julia Drage                        |                   |               | Oth:sa:81:2007            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | D1317/001/01<br>(3976495) | Bern, EPS, HDir, S42, UKBAP, WCA5, LBAP[ANG, CON, DEN, FLI, SNP, WRE] | 3 |
| <i>Alcedo atthis</i><br>( <i>Kingfisher/Glas y Dorlan</i> )                    | SJ31845475                                          | 09/05/2007                                   | Eric Fletcher                      | Present           |               | Llay                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | D0969/001/04<br>(4883251) | BDir, Bern, WBAm[RSPB], WCA1, LBAP[CON, DEN, FLI, GWY]                | 1 |
| <i>Triturus cristatus</i><br>( <i>Great Crested Newt/Madfall Ddwr Gribog</i> ) | SJ32105465 ( <i>Selected from Interactive Map</i> ) | 06/05/2011                                   | Alasdair Thomson                   | 1 Juvenile Female |               | Alyn Waters Country Park  | Found under a rock after a very hot dry period.                                                                                                                                                                                | D1117/001/01<br>(2937973) | Bern, EPS, HDir, S42, UKBAP, WCA5, LBAP[ANG, CON, DEN, FLI, SNP, WRE] | 4 |
| <i>Bufo bufo</i><br>( <i>Common Toad/Llyffant Dafadennog</i> )                 | SJ3154                                              | 06/09/2008                                   | Sarah Totty                        | 1                 |               | Alyn Waters Country Park  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | D1117/001/01<br>(2099012) | S42, UKBAP, WCA5, LBAP[ANG, CON, DEN, FLI, GWY]                       | 4 |
| <i>Alcedo atthis</i><br>( <i>Kingfisher/Glas y Dorlan</i> )                    | SJ3254                                              | 2 records, both on 09/07/2007                | Anthony Britner; Brenda Joyce Owen | 2, 2              |               | Gwersyllt, Alyn Waters CP |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | D1297/002/01              | BDir, Bern, WBAm[RSPB], WCA1, LBAP[CON, DEN, FLI, GWY]                | 1 |
| <i>Anser anser</i><br>( <i>Greylag Goose/Gwydd Wyllt</i> )                     | SJ3254                                              | 21/03/2011                                   | Kenneth George Fletcher            | 2                 |               | Gwersyllt, Alyn Waters CP | BirdTrack.                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | D1297/005/01<br>(4610646) | BDir, Bonn, WCA1, LBAP[CON]                                           | 1 |
| <i>Carduelis cabaret</i><br>( <i>Lesser Redpoll/Llinos Bengoch Leiaf</i> )     | SJ3254                                              | 21/03/2011                                   | Kenneth George Fletcher            | 2                 |               | Gwersyllt, Alyn Waters CP | BirdTrack.                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | D1297/005/01<br>(4629743) | S42, UKBAP, WBR[RSPB], LBAP[CON, DEN]                                 | 1 |
| <i>Falco tinnunculus</i><br>( <i>Kestrel/Cudyll Coch</i> )                     | SJ3254                                              | 26/04/2011                                   | Per Birdtrack                      | 1                 |               | Gwersyllt, Alyn Waters CP | BirdTrack.                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | D1297/005/01<br>(4608598) | Bern, Bonn, CITES, S42, WBR[RSPB], LBAP[ANG, CON, DEN, FLI, GWY]      | 1 |
| <i>Meles meles</i><br>( <i>Badger/Mochyn Daear</i> )                           | SJ3254                                              | 4 records, between 15/01/2001 and 23/07/2002 | Clwyd Badger Group (CBG)           |                   | Badger Sett   |                           | CBG Ref: A11.0. Please contact CBG for more details.; CBG Ref: A11.1; CBG Ref: A35.0; CBG Ref: A35.1.                                                                                                                          | D0059/001/01              | BA, LBAP[CON, DEN, FLI, WRE]                                          | 3 |
| <i>Passer domesticus</i><br>( <i>House Sparrow/Aderyn y To</i> )               | SJ3254                                              | 21/03/2011                                   | Kenneth George Fletcher            | 5                 |               | Gwersyllt, Alyn Waters CP | BirdTrack.                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | D1297/005/01<br>(4610892) | S42, UKBAP, WBAm[RSPB], LBAP[CON, FLI, GWY]                           | 1 |
| <i>Turdus iliacus</i><br>( <i>Redwing/Coch Dan Adain</i> )                     | SJ3254                                              | 02/02/2007                                   | Anthony Britner                    | 1+                |               | Gwersyllt, Alyn Waters CP |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | D1297/002/01<br>(4431118) | BDir, WBAm[RSPB], WCA1, LBAP[CON]                                     | 1 |

| Category 2 Species (Global Red List, British Red Data Book, Nationally Rare & Scarce, Welsh Red and Amber Birds & Welsh Vascular Plant Red Data List, where these are not identified in Category 1) within 1000m - 78 records |                                                          |                                         |                  |               |             |                                     |                                                                                                       |                           |                                      |   |
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| <i>Senecio cambrensis</i><br>( <i>Welsh Groundsel/Creulys Gymreig</i> )                                                                                                                                                       | SJ3121353577<br>( <i>Selected from Interactive Map</i> ) | Jul 2010 - Aug 2010                     | Rita Pirouet     | 20+ Flowering |             | Gwersyllt                           | Growing along a bare pathway by the hedge. Were very healthy, but now succumbing to rust.             | D1117/001/01<br>(2105003) | RD1, RD2, WVP, LBAP[CON, FLI]        | 4 |
| <i>Aegithalos caudatus</i><br>( <i>Long-tailed Tit/Titw Cynffon-Hir</i> )                                                                                                                                                     | SJ32065359                                               | 29/03/2008                              | Christine Conway | 1             |             | Garden, 12 Meadway Close, Gwersyllt | field record.                                                                                         | D0969/001/04<br>(4883355) | WBAm[RSPB]                           | 1 |
| <i>Periparus ater</i><br>( <i>Coal Tit/Titw Penddu</i> )                                                                                                                                                                      | SJ32065359                                               | 2 records, on 29/03/2008 and 30/03/2008 | Christine Conway | 1, 1          |             | Garden, 12 Meadway Close, Gwersyllt | field record.                                                                                         | D0969/001/04              | Bern, WBAm[RSPB], LBAP[CON]          | 1 |
| <i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i><br>( <i>Common Bullfinch/Coch y Berllan</i> )                                                                                                                                                        | SJ32065359                                               | 02/05/2009                              | Charles Conway   | 1 Adult Male  |             | Garden at 12 Meadway Close          | Landed on garden fence and then flew off but size, red chest and black cap clearly seen. in daylight. | D0969/001/04<br>(4884819) | WBR[RSPB], LBAP[CON, DEN, FLI, GWY]  | 1 |
| <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i><br>( <i>Common Starling/Drudwen</i> )                                                                                                                                                                 | SJ32065359                                               | 30/03/2008                              | Christine Conway | 1             |             | Gwersylt                            | On feeding tray. field record.                                                                        | D0969/001/04<br>(4884578) | BDir, WBR[RSPB], LBAP[CON, FLI, GWY] | 1 |
| <i>Aegithalos caudatus</i><br>( <i>Long-tailed Tit/Titw Cynffon-Hir</i> )                                                                                                                                                     | SJ32085359                                               | 18/11/2010                              | Christine Conway | 4             |             | Garden 12 meadway close             | Casual.                                                                                               | D0969/001/04<br>(4872848) | WBAm[RSPB]                           | 1 |

| Taxon Name                                                                           | Grid Reference                                      | Date                                         | Recorder(s)      | Abundance                                   | Record Type   | Site Name                                                                                | Comments                                                                                                                                                                  | Dataset ID                | Lists                                                 | V |
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| Regulus regulus<br>( <i>Goldcrest/Dryw Eurben</i> )                                  | SJ32085359                                          | 10/04/2011                                   | Christine Conway | 1                                           | Live Sighting | Garden of 12 meadway close                                                               | Clearly viewed through binoculars at end of garden.                                                                                                                       | D1117/001/01<br>(2771134) | Bern, WBAm[RSPB], LBAP[CON]                           | 4 |
| Sturnus vulgaris<br>( <i>Common Starling/Drudwen</i> )                               | SJ32085359                                          | 10/04/2011                                   | Christine Conway | Several Adult                               | Live Sighting | Garden of 12 meadway close                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                           | D1117/001/01<br>(2771137) | BDir, WBR[RSPB], LBAP[CON, FLI, GWY]                  | 4 |
| Meconopsis cambrica<br>( <i>Welsh Poppy/Pabi Cymreig</i> )                           | SJ321541                                            | 27/05/2012                                   | Anita Mulligan   | Present                                     |               | Alyn Waters.                                                                             | Site centroid used. field record.                                                                                                                                         | D0969/001/04<br>(4877422) | RD2, LBAP[CON, DEN]                                   | 1 |
| Anas platyrhynchos<br>( <i>Mallard/Hwyaden Wylt</i> )                                | SJ319544                                            | 12/06/2011                                   | Steve Ryder      | 2 Adult Female                              |               | Alyn Waters Country Park.                                                                | With Anita & Paul Mulligan, Liz Case, Christine, Charles & Lauren Conwy & Sue Pinnington. Site centroid used. field record.                                               | D0969/001/04<br>(4874315) | BDir, Bonn, WBAm[RSPB], LBAP[CON, GWY]                | 1 |
| Tilia platyphyllos<br>( <i>Large-leaved Lime/Pisgwydden Dail Mawr</i> )              | SJ319544                                            | 12/06/2011                                   | Anita Mulligan   | Present                                     |               | Alyn Waters Country Park.                                                                | With Paul Mulligan, Steve Ryder, Liz Case, Sue Pinnington, Charles, Christine & Lauren Conway. Site centroid used. field record.                                          | D0969/001/04<br>(4874342) | RD2, LBAP[CON, FLI]                                   | 1 |
| Alauda arvensis<br>( <i>Sky Lark/Ehedydd</i> )                                       | SJ317545 ( <i>Estimated (From Recorder's Map)</i> ) | 08/05/2002 - 20/06/2002                      | Andrew Clarke    | 15-19 Territories                           |               | Alyn Waters Country Park/Wrexham Maelor Borough Council; Alyn Waters Country Park (West) | Grid ref is estimated centroid of survey area.                                                                                                                            | D0989/001/01<br>(2683328) | BDir, WBAm[RSPB], LBAP[ANG, CON, DEN, FLI, GWY, SNP]  | 4 |
| Aegithalos caudatus<br>( <i>Long-tailed Tit/Titw Cynffon-Hir</i> )                   | SJ31895456 ( <i>Selected from Interactive Map</i> ) | 26/07/2011                                   | Christine Conway | 1 Juvenile                                  |               | Alyn waters country park                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                           | D1117/001/01<br>(3145970) | WBAm[RSPB]                                            | 4 |
| Alauda arvensis<br>( <i>Sky Lark/Ehedydd</i> )                                       | SJ31605470                                          | 25/06/2010                                   | Christine Conway | many                                        |               | Skylark meadow, Alyn Waters                                                              | Casual.                                                                                                                                                                   | D0969/001/04<br>(4872840) | BDir, WBAm[RSPB], LBAP[ANG, CON, DEN, FLI, GWY, SNP]  | 1 |
| Aegithalos caudatus<br>( <i>Long-tailed Tit/Titw Cynffon-Hir</i> )                   | SJ319546                                            | 28/09/2010                                   | John Whittaker   | 6 Adult                                     | Live Sighting | alynwaters                                                                               | Probably a small family flock.                                                                                                                                            | D1117/001/01<br>(2501697) | WBAm[RSPB]                                            | 4 |
| Alauda arvensis<br>( <i>Sky Lark/Ehedydd</i> )                                       | SJ319546                                            | 5 records, between 20/09/2010 and 28/09/2011 | John Whittaker   | 8 Adult, 6 Adult, 5 Adult, 4 Adult, 6 Adult | Live Sighting | alynwaters; Alyn waters                                                                  | Flying in small groups/pairs in meadow.; gwer upper meadow; Not singing, just contact calls.; Put up by passing hay making tractor.; Put to flight by tractor hay making. | D1117/001/01              | BDir, WBAm[RSPB], LBAP[ANG, CON, DEN, FLI, GWY, SNP]  | 4 |
| Anthus pratensis<br>( <i>Meadow Pipit/Corhedydd y Waun</i> )                         | SJ319546                                            | 4 records, between 11/10/2010 and 13/12/2010 | John Whittaker   | 3 Adult, 6 Adult, 6 Adult, 1                | Live Sighting | alynwaters; alaynwaters                                                                  | Not singing; contact calls.; In grassland meadow; small flock; migrants?.                                                                                                 | D1117/001/01              | Bern, WBAm[RSPB], LBAP[CON]                           | 4 |
| Epipactis dunensis<br>( <i>Dune Helleborine</i> )                                    | SJ319546                                            | 15/07/2011                                   | John Whittaker   | 1500 + Flowering                            |               | Alyn Waters Country Park                                                                 | Huge colony presumably overlooked previously as E. helleborine on the llay side of the site. Smaller colony of 140+ spikes on Gwersyllt side of site.                     | D1117/001/01<br>(3376692) | CITES, RD1, RD2, WVP                                  | 4 |
| Epipactis phyllanthus<br>( <i>Green-flowered Helleborine/Y Galdrist Felynwerdd</i> ) | SJ319546                                            | 15/07/2011                                   | John Whittaker   | 140+ Flowering                              |               | Alyn Waters Country Park                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                           | D1117/001/01<br>(3376693) | CITES, RD2, WVP, LBAP[CON, FLI]                       | 4 |
| Gallinago gallinago<br>( <i>Common Snipe/Giach Cyffredin</i> )                       | SJ319546                                            | 2 records, on 11/10/2010 and 13/12/2010      | John Whittaker   | 2 Adult, 1 Adult                            | Live Sighting | alynwaters; alan waters                                                                  | First of autumn; in wet areas in meadows.                                                                                                                                 | D1117/001/01              | BDir, Bonn, WBAm[RSPB], LBAP[ANG, CON, DEN, FLI, GWY] | 4 |
| Phalacrocorax carbo<br>( <i>Great Cormorant/Mulfran</i> )                            | SJ319546                                            | 13/12/2010                                   | John Whittaker   | 2                                           |               | Alyn waters                                                                              | Flying over only.                                                                                                                                                         | D1117/001/01<br>(2503164) | WBAm[RSPB], LBAP[CON, GWY]                            | 4 |
| Picus viridis<br>( <i>Green Woodpecker/Cnocell Werdd</i> )                           | SJ319546                                            | 2 records, on 26/09/2010 and 08/07/2011      | John Whittaker   | 1 Adult, 1 Adult                            |               | alyn waters country park; Alyn waters country park                                       | flew low through scrub; Feeding on ants (?) on main drive of Gwersyllt side of park.                                                                                      | D1117/001/01              | Bern, WBAm[RSPB], LBAP[CON, DEN, FLI, GWY, SNP]       | 4 |
| Pyrrhula pyrrhula<br>( <i>Common Bullfinch/Coch y Berllan</i> )                      | SJ319546                                            | 15/11/2010                                   | John Whittaker   | 1                                           |               | alyn waters                                                                              | at least one hard to see, feeding on ash keys.                                                                                                                            | D1117/001/01<br>(2503168) | WBR[RSPB], LBAP[CON, DEN, FLI, GWY]                   | 4 |
| Pyrrhula pyrrhula<br>( <i>Common Bullfinch/Coch y Berllan</i> )                      | SJ319546                                            | 01/03/2010                                   | Christine Conway | 1 Male                                      |               | Alyn waters country park                                                                 | Casual.                                                                                                                                                                   | D0969/001/04<br>(4872828) | WBR[RSPB], LBAP[CON, DEN, FLI, GWY]                   | 1 |
| Sturnus vulgaris<br>( <i>Common Starling/Drudwen</i> )                               | SJ319546                                            | 13/12/2010                                   | John Whittaker   | 4                                           |               | alyn waters                                                                              | flying over only.                                                                                                                                                         | D1117/001/01<br>(2503163) | BDir, WBR[RSPB], LBAP[CON, FLI, GWY]                  | 4 |
| Phylloscopus trochilus<br>( <i>Willow Warbler/Telwr yr Helyg</i> )                   | SJ32045460 ( <i>Selected from Interactive Map</i> ) | 03/04/2011                                   | Christine Conway | 1                                           |               | Alyn waters country park                                                                 | Casual.                                                                                                                                                                   | D1117/001/01<br>(2661755) | WBR[RSPB], LBAP[CON]                                  | 4 |
| Alauda arvensis<br>( <i>Sky Lark/Ehedydd</i> )                                       | SJ316547                                            | 27/05/2012                                   | Anita Mulligan   | Present                                     |               | Alyn Waters.                                                                             | Site centroid used. field record.                                                                                                                                         | D0969/001/04<br>(4877380) | BDir, WBAm[RSPB], LBAP[ANG, CON, DEN, FLI, GWY, SNP]  | 1 |
| Picus viridis<br>( <i>Green Woodpecker/Cnocell Werdd</i> )                           | SJ32055461 ( <i>Selected from Interactive Map</i> ) | 2 records, both on 26/07/2011                | Christine Conway | 3 Juvenile, 1 Adult                         |               | Alyn waters country park                                                                 | Family group ground feeding together.; Part of family group.                                                                                                              | D1117/001/01              | Bern, WBAm[RSPB], LBAP[CON, DEN, FLI, GWY, SNP]       | 4 |
| Senecio cambrensis<br>( <i>Welsh Groundsel/Creulys Gymreig</i> )                     | SJ308544 ( <i>Approximate</i> )                     | 1987                                         | Anon             |                                             |               | Moss                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                           | D0821/001/01<br>(4106580) | RD1, RD2, WVP, LBAP[CON, FLI]                         | 3 |
| Aegithalos caudatus<br>( <i>Long-tailed Tit/Titw Cynffon-Hir</i> )                   | SJ31845475                                          | 09/05/2007                                   | Eric Fletcher    | Present                                     |               | Llay                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                           | D0969/001/04<br>(4883245) | WBAm[RSPB]                                            | 1 |
| Buxus sempervirens<br>( <i>Box/Pren Bocs</i> )                                       | SJ31845475                                          | 09/05/2007                                   | Eric Fletcher    | Present                                     |               | Denbighshire                                                                             | field record.                                                                                                                                                             | D0969/001/04<br>(4885537) | RD1, RD2, LBAP[CON]                                   | 1 |

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| <i>Lepidium campestre</i><br>(Field Pepperwort/Pupurlys y Maes)  | SJ319547       | 25/07/2009                                   | Shanklin, J.                                                           |                    |             | N.Wrexham                 | Quite widely scattered round this part of the park. | D1169/001/02<br>(4441363)    | WVP                                                       | 3 |
| <i>Aegithalos caudatus</i><br>(Long-tailed Tit/Titw Cynffon-Hir) | SJ3254         | 6 records, between 09/07/2009 and 16/03/2011 | Per Birdtrack; Kenneth George Fletcher; Anthony Britner; Steven Davies | 2, 1, 2, 1, 1+, 1+ |             | Gwersyllt, Alyn Waters CP | BirdTrack.                                          | D1297/005/01<br>D1297/002/01 | WBAm[RSPB]                                                | 1 |
| <i>Alauda arvensis</i><br>(Sky Lark/Ehedydd)                     | SJ3254         | 4 records, between 19/03/2011 and 21/03/2011 | Kenneth George Fletcher; Per Birdtrack                                 | 4, 2, 1, 5         |             | Gwersyllt, Alyn Waters CP | BirdTrack.; BirdTrack Three soaring and singing.    | D1297/005/01                 | BDir, WBAm[RSPB], LBAP[ANG, CON, DEN, FLI, GWY, SNP]      | 1 |
| <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i><br>(Mallard/Hwyaden Wylt)              | SJ3254         | 3 records, between 09/07/2009 and 16/03/2011 | Per Birdtrack; Anthony Britner; Steven Davies                          | 2, 1+, 1+          |             | Gwersyllt, Alyn Waters CP | BirdTrack.                                          | D1297/005/01<br>D1297/002/01 | BDir, Bonn, WBAm[RSPB], LBAP[CON, GWY]                    | 1 |
| <i>Anthus pratensis</i><br>(Meadow Pipit/Corhedydd y Waun)       | SJ3254         | 21/03/2011                                   | Kenneth George Fletcher                                                | 1                  |             | Gwersyllt, Alyn Waters CP | BirdTrack.                                          | D1297/005/01<br>(4629866)    | Bern, WBAm[RSPB], LBAP[CON]                               | 1 |
| <i>Apus apus</i><br>(Common Swift/Gwennol Ddu)                   | SJ3254         | 03/05/2007                                   | Anthony Britner                                                        | 1+                 |             | Gwersyllt, Alyn Waters CP |                                                     | D1297/002/01<br>(4430038)    | WBAm[RSPB]                                                | 1 |
| <i>Cinclus cinclus</i><br>(Dipper/Bronwen y Dwr)                 | SJ3254         | 3 records, between 07/01/2007 and 06/04/2011 | Anthony Britner; Per Birdtrack                                         | 1+, 1+, 1          |             | Gwersyllt, Alyn Waters CP | BirdTrack.                                          | D1297/002/01<br>D1297/005/01 | Bern, WBAm[RSPB], LBAP[CON]                               | 1 |
| <i>Delichon urbicum</i><br>(House Martin/Gwennol y Bondo)        | SJ3254         | 03/05/2007                                   | Anthony Britner                                                        | 1+                 |             | Gwersyllt, Alyn Waters CP |                                                     | D1297/002/01<br>(4430847)    | Bern, WBAm[RSPB], LBAP[CON]                               | 1 |
| <i>Hirundo rustica</i><br>(Swallow/Gwennol)                      | SJ3254         | 2 records, on 09/07/2009 and 26/04/2011      | Per Birdtrack; Steven Davies                                           | 1, 1+              |             | Gwersyllt, Alyn Waters CP | BirdTrack.                                          | D1297/005/01<br>D1297/002/01 | Bern, WBAm[RSPB], LBAP[ANG, CON, GWY]                     | 1 |
| <i>Periparus ater</i><br>(Coal Tit/Titw Penddu)                  | SJ3254         | 3 records, between 09/07/2009 and 21/03/2011 | Steven Davies; Per Birdtrack; Kenneth George Fletcher                  | 1+, 1+, 1          |             | Gwersyllt, Alyn Waters CP | BirdTrack.                                          | D1297/002/01<br>D1297/005/01 | Bern, WBAm[RSPB], LBAP[CON]                               | 1 |
| <i>Picus viridis</i><br>(Green Woodpecker/Cnocell Werdd)         | SJ3254         | 4 records, between 19/06/2007 and 04/01/2011 | Kenneth George Fletcher; Anthony Britner                               | 1, 2, 2, 1+        |             | Gwersyllt, Alyn Waters CP | BirdTrack.; BirdTrack Calling to each other.        | D1297/005/01<br>D1297/002/01 | Bern, WBAm[RSPB], LBAP[CON, DEN, FLI, GWY, SNP]           | 1 |
| <i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i><br>(Common Bullfinch/Coch y Berllan)    | SJ3254         | 02/02/2007                                   | Anthony Britner                                                        | 1+                 |             | Gwersyllt, Alyn Waters CP |                                                     | D1297/002/01<br>(4429777)    | WBR[RSPB], LBAP[CON, DEN, FLI, GWY]                       | 1 |
| <i>Regulus regulus</i><br>(Goldcrest/Dryw Eurben)                | SJ3254         | 07/01/2007                                   | Anthony Britner                                                        | 1+                 |             | Gwersyllt, Alyn Waters CP |                                                     | D1297/002/01<br>(4430603)    | Bern, WBAm[RSPB], LBAP[CON]                               | 1 |
| <i>Sylvia communis</i><br>(Common Whitethroat/Llwydfron)         | SJ3254         | 2 records, on 25/04/2007 and 26/04/2011      | Anthony Britner; Per Birdtrack                                         | 1+, 1              |             | Gwersyllt, Alyn Waters CP | BirdTrack.                                          | D1297/002/01<br>D1297/005/01 | WBAm[RSPB], LBAP[CON]                                     | 1 |
| <i>Turdus philomelos</i><br>(Song Thrush/Bronfraith)             | SJ3254         | 3 records, between 25/04/2007 and 21/03/2011 | Kenneth George Fletcher; Per Birdtrack; Anthony Britner                | 2, 2, 1+           |             | Gwersyllt, Alyn Waters CP | BirdTrack.                                          | D1297/005/01<br>D1297/002/01 | BDir, WBAm[RSPB], LBAP[ANG, CON, DEN, FLI, GWY, SNP, WRE] | 1 |

| Category 3 Species (LBAP Species not identified under Categories 1 & 2, Locally Important species as specified by local experts) within 1000m - 94 records |                                                 |            |                  |                 |               |                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                           |                        |   |
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| <i>Carduelis carduelis</i><br>(Goldfinch/Nico)                                                                                                             | SJ32065359                                      | 27/03/2008 | Christine Conway | 2               |               | Garden, 12 Meadway Close, Gwersyllt | Scared off by blue tit. field record.                                                                                                                                                                                                  | D0969/001/04<br>(4877873) | Bern, LBAP[ANG, CON]   | 1 |
| <i>Carduelis chloris</i><br>(Greenfinch/Llinos Werdd)                                                                                                      | SJ32065359                                      | 30/03/2008 | Christine Conway | 2               |               | Gwersylt                            | On nut feeder. field record.                                                                                                                                                                                                           | D0969/001/04<br>(4884820) | Bern, LBAP[CON]        | 1 |
| <i>Carduelis spinus</i><br>(Siskin/Pila Gwyrdd)                                                                                                            | SJ32065359                                      | 30/03/2008 | Christine Conway | 1 Breeding Pair |               | Gwersylt                            | 1 on nut feeder, 1 on water. field record.                                                                                                                                                                                             | D0969/001/04<br>(4884577) | Bern, LBAP[CON]        | 1 |
| <i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i><br>(Blue Tit/Titw Tomos Las)                                                                                                    | SJ32065359                                      | 27/03/2008 | Christine Conway | 1               |               | Garden, 12 Meadway Close, Gwersyllt | field record.                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | D0969/001/04<br>(4883354) | Bern, LBAP[CON]        | 1 |
| <i>Accipiter nisus</i><br>(Sparrowhawk/Gwalch Glas)                                                                                                        | SJ3208053600<br>(Selected from Interactive Map) | 27/07/2011 | Christine Conway | 1 Adult Female  |               | Back garden of 12 meadway close     | Appeared suddenly in our garden after chasing down a collared dove which collided with our window and dropped to the ground. She then proceeded to carry the dove to the end of the garden and pluck and eat it there in front of us!. | D1117/001/01<br>(3145963) | Bonn, CITES, LBAP[CON] | 4 |
| <i>Carduelis carduelis</i><br>(Goldfinch/Nico)                                                                                                             | SJ32085359                                      | 18/11/2010 | Christine Conway | 3               |               | Garden 12 meadway close             | Casual.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | D0969/001/04<br>(4872846) | Bern, LBAP[ANG, CON]   | 1 |
| <i>Cyanistes caeruleus</i><br>(Blue Tit/Titw Tomos Las)                                                                                                    | SJ32085359                                      | 18/11/2010 | Christine Conway | 2               |               | Garden 12 meadway close             | field record.                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | D0969/001/04<br>(4872847) | Bern, LBAP[CON]        | 1 |
| <i>Phylloscopus collybita</i><br>(Common Chiffchaff/Siff-Siaff)                                                                                            | SJ32085359 (Selected from Interactive Map)      | 10/04/2011 | Christine Conway | 1               | Live Sighting | Garden of 12 meadway close          | Heard first and then seen in trees at end of our garden.                                                                                                                                                                               | D1117/001/01<br>(2771133) | LBAP[CON]              | 4 |
| <i>Sylvia atricapilla</i><br>(Blackcap/Telor Penddu)                                                                                                       | SJ32085359                                      | 10/04/2011 | Christine Conway | 1               | Live Sighting | Garden of 12 meadway close          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | D1117/001/01<br>(2771135) | LBAP[CON]              | 4 |

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| Sorex araneus<br>(Common Shrew/Llyg Cyffredin)                            | SJ31985441                                 | 10/10/2010                                   | Christine Conway               | 1                            |               | Alyn waters country park                              | Under metal sheet in top corner of grassland to right of pond and left of main footpath. Casual.                                                                 | D0969/001/04<br>(4885400) | LBAP[ANG, CON]             | 4 |
| Arum italicum<br>(Italian Lords-and-Ladies/Pidyn-y-Gog Eidalaidd)         | SJ319544                                   | 12/06/2011                                   | Anita Mulligan                 | Present                      |               | Alyn Waters Country Park.                             | With Paul Mulligan, Steve Ryder, Liz Case, Sue Pinnington, Charles, Christine & Lauren Conway. Site centroid used. field record.                                 | D0969/001/04<br>(4885390) | LBAP[DEN]                  | 1 |
| Carduelis carduelis<br>(Goldfinch/Nico)                                   | SJ319544 (Selected from Interactive Map)   | 26/07/2011                                   | Christine Conway               | 4                            |               | Alyn waters country park                              | Feeding on wildflowers at side of path.                                                                                                                          | D1117/001/01<br>(3145972) | Bern, LBAP[ANG, CON]       | 4 |
| Carduelis chloris<br>(Greenfinch/Llinos Werdd)                            | SJ31915448 (Selected from Interactive Map) | 26/07/2011                                   | Christine Conway               | 1                            |               | Alyn waters country park                              |                                                                                                                                                                  | D1117/001/01<br>(3145971) | Bern, LBAP[CON]            | 4 |
| Anax imperator<br>(Emperor Dragonfly/Ymerawdwr)                           | SJ320545                                   | 26/06/2011                                   | Allan Brandon                  | 1 Adult                      |               | Denbighshire - Alyn Waters Country Park: dipping pond |                                                                                                                                                                  | D0067/001/03<br>(4851343) | LBAP[SNP]                  | 3 |
| Buteo buteo<br>(Buzzard/Bwncath)                                          | SJ320545 (Selected from Interactive Map)   | 03/04/2011                                   | Christine Conway               | 3                            |               | Alyn waters country park                              | Casual record.                                                                                                                                                   | D1117/001/01<br>(2661754) | Bonn, CITES, LBAP[CON]     | 4 |
| Carduelis carduelis<br>(Goldfinch/Nico)                                   | SJ320545                                   | 21/08/2008                                   | Emma Broad                     | 1                            |               | Alyn Waters Country Park                              |                                                                                                                                                                  | D1117/001/01<br>(2101285) | Bern, LBAP[ANG, CON]       | 4 |
| Coenagrion puella<br>(Azure Damselfly/Mursen Las Asur)                    | SJ320545                                   | 26/06/2011                                   | Allan Brandon                  | 6-20 Adult (Estimate)        |               | Denbighshire - Alyn Waters Country Park: dipping pond | Grid reference type: Imported.                                                                                                                                   | D0067/001/03<br>(4854169) | LBAP[SNP]                  | 3 |
| Ischnura elegans<br>(Blue-tailed Damselfly/Mursen Dinlas Gyffredin)       | SJ320545                                   | 26/06/2011                                   | Allan Brandon                  | 1 Adult                      |               | Denbighshire - Alyn Waters Country Park: dipping pond | Grid reference type: Imported.                                                                                                                                   | D0067/001/03<br>(4857924) | LBAP[SNP]                  | 3 |
| Lestes sponsa<br>(Emerald Damselfly/Mursen Werdd)                         | SJ320545                                   | 2 records, on 26/06/2011 and 2012            | Alasdair Thompson; Andy Harmer | Present Adult                |               | Denbighshire - Alyn Waters Country Park: dipping pond | Grid reference type: Imported.                                                                                                                                   | D0067/001/03              | LBAP[SNP]                  | 3 |
| Libellula depressa<br>(Broad-bodied Chaser/Picellwr Praff)                | SJ320545                                   | 26/06/2011                                   | Allan Brandon                  | 2-5 Adult (Estimate)         |               | Denbighshire - Alyn Waters Country Park: dipping pond |                                                                                                                                                                  | D0067/001/03<br>(4849490) | LBAP[SNP]                  | 3 |
| Parus major<br>(Great Tit/Titw Mawr)                                      | SJ320545                                   | 21/08/2008                                   | Emma Broad                     | 3                            |               | Alyn Waters Country Park                              |                                                                                                                                                                  | D1117/001/01<br>(2101286) | Bern, LBAP[CON]            | 4 |
| Sympetrum striolatum<br>(Common Darter/Gwäell Gyffredin)                  | SJ320545                                   | 26/06/2011                                   | Allan Brandon                  | 2-5 Larva (Estimate)         |               | Denbighshire - Alyn Waters Country Park: dipping pond | Grid reference type: Imported.                                                                                                                                   | D0067/001/03<br>(4855704) | LBAP[SNP]                  | 3 |
| Ophrys apifera<br>(Bee Orchid/Tegeirian y Wenynen)                        | SJ31605470                                 | 25/06/2010                                   | Christine Conway               | 8                            |               | Skylark meadows, Alyn Waters country park             | Approximately 6-10 plants in a limited area. Casual.                                                                                                             | D0969/001/04<br>(4872839) | CITES, LBAP[GWY]           | 1 |
| Lestes sponsa<br>(Emerald Damselfly/Mursen Werdd)                         | SJ32065456                                 | 21/06/2012                                   | A. Coker, S.J. Coker           | 1 Adult (Estimate)           |               | Denbighshire - Alyn Waters Country Park Pond          | Grid reference type: Imported.                                                                                                                                   | D0067/001/03<br>(4858673) | LBAP[SNP]                  | 3 |
| Libellula depressa<br>(Broad-bodied Chaser/Picellwr Praff)                | SJ32065456                                 | 21/06/2012                                   | A. Coker, S.J. Coker           | 1 Exuvia (Estimate)          |               | Denbighshire - Alyn Waters Country Park Pond          |                                                                                                                                                                  | D0067/001/03<br>(4849784) | LBAP[SNP]                  | 3 |
| Accipiter nisus<br>(Sparrowhawk/Gwalch Glas)                              | SJ319546                                   | 28/09/2010                                   | John Whittaker                 | 1 Adult                      | Live Sighting | alynwaters                                            | Flying over woodland.                                                                                                                                            | D1117/001/01<br>(2501699) | Bonn, CITES, LBAP[CON]     | 4 |
| Buteo buteo<br>(Buzzard/Bwncath)                                          | SJ319546                                   | 4 records, between 11/10/2010 and 13/12/2010 | John Whittaker                 | 1 Adult, 1 Adult, 1 Adult, 1 | Live Sighting | alynwaters                                            | Soaring over woodland.; soaring above woody area; Soaring over grassland; on ground initially, scavenging for rabbits or earthworms, then perched on a pole.     | D1117/001/01              | Bonn, CITES, LBAP[CON]     | 4 |
| Buteo buteo<br>(Buzzard/Bwncath)                                          | SJ319546                                   | 2 records, on 01/03/2010 and 27/05/2012      | Steve Ryder; Christine Conway  | Present, 3                   |               | Alyn Waters.; Alyn waters country park                | Site centroid used. field record.; By size appeared to be 2 females and one male, souring on the currents directly above the visitor centre at the park. Casual. | D0969/001/04              | Bonn, CITES, LBAP[CON]     | 1 |
| Carduelis carduelis<br>(Goldfinch/Nico)                                   | SJ319546                                   | 26/10/2010                                   | John Whittaker                 | 3 Adult                      | Live Sighting | alynwaters                                            | mobile and noisy.                                                                                                                                                | D1117/001/01<br>(2501716) | Bern, LBAP[ANG, CON]       | 4 |
| Cyanistes caeruleus<br>(Blue Tit/Titw Tomos Las)                          | SJ319546                                   | 2 records, on 26/10/2010 and 13/12/2010      | John Whittaker                 | 1, 2 Adult                   | Live Sighting | alanwaters; alynwaters                                | In shrubs.                                                                                                                                                       | D1117/001/01              | Bern, LBAP[CON]            | 4 |
| Epipactis helleborine<br>(Broad-leaved Helleborine/Y Galdrist Lydanddail) | SJ319546                                   | 15/07/2011                                   | John Whittaker                 | 12 Flowering                 |               | Alyn Waters Country Park                              |                                                                                                                                                                  | D1117/001/01<br>(3376694) | CITES, LBAP[GWY], LI[VC52] | 4 |
| Motacilla alba<br>(Pied Wagtail/Siglen Wen)                               | SJ319546                                   | 2 records, on 18/10/2010 and 15/11/2010      | John Whittaker                 | 2 Adult, 3                   | Live Sighting | alynwaters; alyn waters                               | On VC roof (pair?); on visitor centre roof.                                                                                                                      | D1117/001/01              | Bern, LBAP[CON]            | 4 |
| Ophrys apifera<br>(Bee Orchid/Tegeirian y Wenynen)                        | SJ319546                                   | 24/06/2010                                   | john whittaker                 | 20 Flowering                 | Field record  | alyn waters                                           | found on guided walk.                                                                                                                                            | D1117/001/01<br>(2102255) | CITES, LBAP[GWY]           | 4 |
| Parus major<br>(Great Tit/Titw Mawr)                                      | SJ319546                                   | 2 records, on 15/11/2010 and 13/12/2010      | John Whittaker                 | 1+, 1                        |               | alyn waters; alynwaters                               | residents.                                                                                                                                                       | D1117/001/01              | Bern, LBAP[CON]            | 4 |

| Taxon Name                                                           | Grid Reference                             | Date                                         | Recorder(s)                                                            | Abundance                     | Record Type   | Site Name                        | Comments                                                                      | Dataset ID                   | Lists                               | V |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Phylloscopus collybita<br>(Common Chiffchaff/Siff-Siaff)             | SJ319546                                   | 19/09/2010                                   | John Whittaker                                                         | 1 Adult                       | Live Sighting | alynwaters                       | Singing in small tree near mold road entrance.                                | D1117/001/01<br>(2501693)    | LBAP[CON]                           | 4 |
| Saxicola torquata<br>(Stonechat/Clochdar y Cerrig)                   | SJ319546                                   | 20/09/2010                                   | John Whittaker                                                         | 1 Adult                       | Live Sighting | alynwaters                       | Male; showing well; upper meadow. Possible migrant. Not seen one here before. | D1117/001/01<br>(2501694)    | Bern, LBAP[ANG, CON, DEN, FLI, GWY] | 4 |
| Phylloscopus collybita<br>(Common Chiffchaff/Siff-Siaff)             | SJ32045460 (Selected from Interactive Map) | 03/04/2011                                   | Christine Conway                                                       | 1                             |               | Alyn waters country park         | Casual.                                                                       | D1117/001/01<br>(2661756)    | LBAP[CON]                           | 4 |
| Ophrys apifera<br>(Bee Orchid/Tegeirian y Wenynen)                   | SJ32095457 (Selected from Interactive Map) | 01/07/2011                                   | Christine Conway                                                       | 3 Flowering                   | Live Sighting | Alyn Waters Country Park         |                                                                               | D1117/001/01<br>(3145620)    | CITES, LBAP[GWY]                    | 4 |
| Cyanistes caeruleus<br>(Blue Tit/Titw Tomos Las)                     | SJ316547                                   | 27/05/2012                                   | Steve Ryder                                                            | Present                       |               | Alyn Waters.                     | Site centroid used. field record.                                             | D0969/001/04<br>(4877398)    | Bern, LBAP[CON]                     | 1 |
| Phylloscopus collybita<br>(Common Chiffchaff/Siff-Siaff)             | SJ316547                                   | 27/05/2012                                   | Steve Ryder                                                            | Present                       |               | Alyn Waters.                     | Site centroid used. auditory record.                                          | D0969/001/04<br>(4877393)    | LBAP[CON]                           | 1 |
| Aeshna grandis<br>(Brown Hawker/Gwas Neidr Brown)                    | SJ32035464                                 | 17/07/2009                                   | Emma Broad                                                             | Present Adult                 |               | Denbighshire - Afon Alun: SJ3254 |                                                                               | D0067/001/03<br>(4849598)    | LBAP[GWY, SNP]                      | 3 |
| Coenagrion puella<br>(Azure Damselfly/Mursen Las Asur)               | SJ32035464                                 | 17/07/2009                                   | Emma Broad                                                             | Present Adult                 |               | Denbighshire - Afon Alun: SJ3254 | Grid reference type: Imported.                                                | D0067/001/03<br>(4853756)    | LBAP[SNP]                           | 3 |
| Lestes sponsa<br>(Emerald Damselfly/Mursen Werdd)                    | SJ32035464                                 | 17/07/2009                                   | Emma Broad                                                             | Present Adult                 |               | Denbighshire - Afon Alun: SJ3254 | Grid reference type: Imported.                                                | D0067/001/03<br>(4858563)    | LBAP[SNP]                           | 3 |
| Buteo buteo<br>(Buzzard/Bwncath)                                     | SJ31845475                                 | 09/05/2007                                   | Eric Fletcher                                                          | Present                       |               | Llay                             |                                                                               | D0969/001/04<br>(4883243)    | Bonn, CITES, LBAP[CON]              | 1 |
| Carduelis carduelis<br>(Goldfinch/Nico)                              | SJ31845475                                 | 09/05/2007                                   | Eric Fletcher                                                          | Present                       |               | Llay                             |                                                                               | D0969/001/04<br>(4883241)    | Bern, LBAP[ANG, CON]                | 1 |
| Cyanistes caeruleus<br>(Blue Tit/Titw Tomos Las)                     | SJ31845475                                 | 09/05/2007                                   | Eric Fletcher                                                          | Present                       |               | Llay                             |                                                                               | D0969/001/04<br>(4883218)    | Bern, LBAP[CON]                     | 1 |
| Mentha aquatica<br>(Water Mint/Mintys y Dwr)                         | SJ31845475                                 | 09/05/2007                                   | Eric Fletcher                                                          | Present                       |               | Llay                             |                                                                               | D0969/001/04<br>(4883215)    | LBAP[ANG]                           | 1 |
| Sympetrum striolatum<br>(Common Darter/Gwäell Gyffredin)             | SJ31845475                                 | 09/05/2007                                   | Eric Fletcher                                                          | 1 Female                      |               | Llay                             |                                                                               | D0969/001/04<br>(4885538)    | LBAP[SNP]                           | 4 |
| Buteo buteo<br>(Buzzard/Bwncath)                                     | SJ3254                                     | 6 records, between 02/02/2007 and 06/04/2011 | Anthony Britner; Per Birdtrack; Kenneth George Fletcher                | 1+, 1, 6, 3, 6, 2             |               | Gwersyllt, Alyn Waters CP        | BirdTrack.                                                                    | D1297/002/01<br>D1297/005/01 | Bonn, CITES, LBAP[CON]              | 1 |
| Carduelis carduelis<br>(Goldfinch/Nico)                              | SJ3254                                     | 3 records, between 09/07/2009 and 21/03/2011 | Per Birdtrack; Steven Davies                                           | 1, 1, 1+                      |               | Gwersyllt, Alyn Waters CP        | BirdTrack.                                                                    | D1297/005/01<br>D1297/002/01 | Bern, LBAP[ANG, CON]                | 1 |
| Certhia familiaris<br>(Treecreeper/Dringwr Bach)                     | SJ3254                                     | 2 records, on 09/07/2009 and 04/04/2011      | Steven Davies; Per Birdtrack                                           | 1, 1                          |               | Gwersyllt, Alyn Waters CP        | BirdTrack.                                                                    | D1297/002/01<br>D1297/005/01 | Bern, LBAP[CON]                     | 1 |
| Cyanistes caeruleus<br>(Blue Tit/Titw Tomos Las)                     | SJ3254                                     | 9 records, between 09/07/2009 and 17/03/2011 | Per Birdtrack; Kenneth George Fletcher; Anthony Britner; Steven Davies | 1, 17, 3, 1, 1, 1, 1+, 1+, 1+ |               | Gwersyllt, Alyn Waters CP        | BirdTrack.                                                                    | D1297/005/01<br>D1297/002/01 | Bern, LBAP[CON]                     | 1 |
| Dendrocopos major<br>(Great Spotted Woodpecker/Cnocell Fraith Fwyaf) | SJ3254                                     | 2 records, on 25/04/2007 and 21/03/2011      | Anthony Britner; Kenneth George Fletcher                               | 1+, 1                         |               | Gwersyllt, Alyn Waters CP        | BirdTrack.                                                                    | D1297/002/01<br>D1297/005/01 | Bern, LBAP[CON]                     | 1 |
| Motacilla cinerea<br>(Grey Wagtail/Siglen Lwyd)                      | SJ3254                                     | 16/03/2011                                   | Per Birdtrack                                                          | 1                             |               | Gwersyllt, Alyn Waters CP        | BirdTrack.                                                                    | D1297/005/01<br>(4629474)    | Bern, LBAP[CON]                     | 1 |
| Parus major<br>(Great Tit/Titw Mawr)                                 | SJ3254                                     | 7 records, between 09/07/2009 and 16/03/2011 | Per Birdtrack; Kenneth George Fletcher; Steven Davies                  | 1+, 1, 12, 3, 2, 1, 1+        |               | Gwersyllt, Alyn Waters CP        | BirdTrack.                                                                    | D1297/005/01<br>D1297/002/01 | Bern, LBAP[CON]                     | 1 |
| Phylloscopus collybita<br>(Common Chiffchaff/Siff-Siaff)             | SJ3254                                     | 2 records, on 21/03/2011 and 26/04/2011      | Kenneth George Fletcher; Per Birdtrack                                 | 2, 1                          |               | Gwersyllt, Alyn Waters CP        | BirdTrack.                                                                    | D1297/005/01                 | LBAP[CON]                           | 1 |
| Prunella modularis<br>(Dunnock/Llwyd y Gwrych)                       | SJ3254                                     | 16/03/2011                                   | Per Birdtrack                                                          | 1                             |               | Gwersyllt, Alyn Waters CP        | BirdTrack.                                                                    | D1297/005/01<br>(4610698)    | Bern, LBAP[CON]                     | 1 |
| Sitta europaea<br>(Wood Nuthatch/Delor y Cnau)                       | SJ3254                                     | 07/01/2007                                   | Anthony Britner                                                        | 1+                            |               | Gwersyllt, Alyn Waters CP        |                                                                               | D1297/002/01<br>(4431229)    | Bern, LBAP[CON]                     | 1 |
| Sorex araneus<br>(Common Shrew/Llyg Cyffredin)                       | SJ3254                                     | 16/08/2010                                   | Christine Conway                                                       | 1                             |               | Alyn Waters Country Park         | field record.                                                                 | D0969/001/04<br>(4885395)    | LBAP[ANG, CON]                      | 4 |
| Strix aluco<br>(Tawny Owl/Tylluan Frech)                             | SJ3254                                     | 09/08/2007                                   | Anthony Britner                                                        | 1+                            |               | Gwersyllt, Alyn Waters CP        |                                                                               | D1297/002/01<br>(4431144)    | Bern, CITES, LBAP[CON]              | 1 |
| Sylvia atricapilla<br>(Blackcap/Telor Penddu)                        | SJ3254                                     | 2 records, on 25/04/2007 and 09/07/2009      | Anthony Britner; Steven Davies                                         | 1+, 1                         |               | Gwersyllt, Alyn Waters CP        |                                                                               | D1297/002/01                 | LBAP[CON]                           | 1 |

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| Statutory Sites intersecting 1000m buffer  | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Wildlife Sites within 1000m (C=Candidate)  | Moss Valley (W311) <b>(675m)</b> , Woodlands and Fishpond Wood (W310) <b>(607m)</b> , Alyn Waters (W306) <b>(624m)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| NWWT Reserves within 1000m                 | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| RSPB Reserves within 1000m                 | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| RIGS within 1000m                          | The Wauns Esker <b>(592m)</b> - <a href="#">Contact Cofnod for further details</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Habitat type at application grid reference | Buildings                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Habitat type(s) within 1000m               | Acid/Neutral Inland Cliff, Amenity Grassland, Bare Ground, Bracken, Buildings, Dense Scrub, Ephemeral/Short Perennial, Gardens, Improved Grassland, Not Accessed Land, Planted Broad-leaved Woodland, Planted Coniferous Woodland, Planted Mixed Woodland, Quarry, Semi-improved Neutral Grassland, Semi-natural Broad-leaved Woodland, Standing Water, Swamp, Tall Ruderal Herb, Unimproved Acid Grassland |
| Ancient Woodland within 1000m              | Restored Ancient Woodland Site, Ancient Semi Natural Woodland                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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**Abbreviations**  
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