

Site Name	Oakwood School Heath Road Bagworth Heath Bagworth Nuneaton Leicestershire CV13 0NG	Advice Request	Ecology
Planning Ref	23/00647/FUL	Response Deadline	15 th December 2023
Planning Officer	Joseph Fleetwood	Completed By	Dean LeFeuvre
Date of Request	4 th December 2023	Date of Issue	11 th December 2023

Stance: Object.

Dear Joseph,

I am writing in respect of ecological matters for the above application advice request regarding the proposed classroom block within woodland for SEN Education Facility.

Thank you for reconsulting with me following my comments made during September 2023 requesting additional supporting ecological information in relation to badgers specifically. I can see that a document titled 'Preliminary Ecological Appraisal and Badger Survey' has been uploaded to Hinkley & Bosworth's online planning portal for my attention.

I have reviewed the combined PEA and badger survey report dated November 2023 by Udall-Martin Associates Ltd. It is clear that the assessment has been completed for a much larger redline boundary/planning application than that associated with this planning application alone, however it does cover this entire site. The badger survey was conducted in August 2023, which is a sub-optimal timing for recording badger setts due to dense foliage growth. Therefore, the potential presence of setts could not be determined under this survey effort alone and therefore a recommendation has been made to conduct an update survey at a more appropriate time of year (winter) as per Section 6.5.2 of the report. Given the presence of badger dung recorded on and immediately adjacent to the site (Target Notes 2), combined with the presence of mature dense woodland also immediately adjacent, I cannot determine the potential impacts upon this protected species until confirmation that no setts are present within 30m of proposed works. Therefore, until this information has been provided, my original holding objection stands.

It's also worth noting that other protected notable/species constraints have been identified as part of the wider site proposals, which also relate to habitats within this application site. It would therefore be prudent to hold off submitting any update badger survey information until the additional recommended surveys have been undertaken (e.g. great crested newt, reptiles, bats).

Yours sincerely,

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