

Persimmon Homes North Midlands
Meridian East,
Leicester,
Leicestershire,
LE19 1WZ

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RE: Pre-commencement Badger (*Meles meles*) Survey at the site known as Thurlaston Lane, Earl Shilton, Leicestershire

Brindle and Green Ltd were commissioned by Persimmon Homes North Midlands to undertake a badger survey prior to the commencement of development at the above mentioned site, to satisfy a preworks condition and mitigation strategy outlined within a previously submitted badger survey report supplied by FPCR (August 2024) which stated "Given the highly mobile nature of badger activities, a pre-commencement survey should be undertaken within three months of construction works starting to ensure up-to-date knowledge of how badgers are using the Site and that no additional mitigation required"

Survey details

The site was visited by Zoe Millward, Graduate Ecologist at Brindle and Green Ltd on 4th July 2025. The site boundary and suitable habitat on site was walked to determine the presence/absence of setts, latrines, pathways and evidence of foraging within the site and the associated zone of influence (approximately 30m of suitable habitat from the boundary) following the standard methodology as recommended by Harris, Creswell and Jefferies (1992).

Results

No evidence of badger setts, or activity such as snuffle holes or latrines were found during the updated survey. The previous assessment of the site as outlined within the FPCR Report (August 2024) remains valid, with no evidence of badgers recorded. Following site clearance, the vegetation forming the boundaries and adjoining habitat including hedgerows, poor semi-improved grassland, and bramble scrub will continue to provide suitable foraging resources for badgers and facilitate the movement of badgers known to be present in the local area.

Impact Assessment

There are no direct impacts to badgers and their setts associated with the scheme and therefore no further survey work or mitigation licences are required to proceed with works on site.

Recommendations / Conclusions

Due to the proximity of suitable habitat and the known presence of badgers within a local context, Reasonable Avoidance Measures (RAMs) will be followed during site clearance and construction to safeguard individuals;

- If during construction any badger holes, new setts or areas of digging within or immediately adjacent (within 30m) to the construction zone are identified all works must cease and an ecologist consulted before works can continue.
- Any excavations or trenches left overnight are to be covered at the end of each working day, or include a means of escape, such as wooden planks. In addition, any temporarily exposed open pipe systems are to be capped in

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such a way as to prevent small mammals gaining access. Excavations should be inspected each morning to ensure no badgers have become trapped overnight, if a badger is found an ecologist must be contacted immediately for further advice.

- Spoil heaps and / or brash piles will not be stored on site. These should be removed to prevent opportunistic use by small mammals or to facilitate sett creation from badgers. Any mounds which cannot be moved off site should be subjected to regular inspections.
- All chemicals or materials that may harm badgers must be safely stored away from potential badger habitat and contained in such a way that they cannot be accessed or knocked over by badgers.

I trust the above provides a full account of the updated survey work carried out at this site and satisfies the pre-commencement condition for a badger survey on site. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Brindle & Green Ltd. using the details in the letterhead.

Yours sincerely,



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