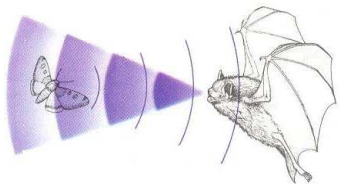
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Dear Andrew,

2011 Ecological Assessments and Surveys – Groby Lodge Farm

Please find attached the follow-up Bat Survey Report and the Great Crested Newt Survey Report for the Groby Lodge Farm development proposal.

We have now completed three studies, including the Phase One Ecological Assessment, covering the following species with a summary of the findings and actions going forward:

1. Bats – There remains a bat roost within both Buildings J and M and a EPS License is required before development can commence.

2. Great Crested Newt – there was no evidence of this species in the vicinity of the development footprint. No further action is specified.

3. Badger – There was no active badger sett found within the development footprint during the examination of the 29th January 2011. The conclusion of this assessment was that an ecological walk-over survey should be carried out approximately one month prior to works commencing to update the present survey results and ascertain whether any badger setts have been dug on or near the site in the intervening period.. No further action was considered necessary at this stage. Note however best practice actions with regard to trenches and excavations on site.

4. Water voles – Only one building has the potential to affect this species once development commences. A review of the impact on the ground by the mammal ecologist is that it is unlikely that the redevelopment of Building O will impact upon this species. This is as the development need not extend within a 5 metres buffer between the stream bank and the extent of the working area. If works do extend beyond this then further survey work would be required at that time.

I trust that we have advised you in full on all issues raised by Natural England.

Kind regards,



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