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Proposal and Quote for an Update Preliminary Ecological Appraisal at Brooklands, Broughton.

1.1 Background

The site is understood to consist of gardens proposed for landscaping for which an update Preliminary Ecological Appraisal is required to inform the planning application.

Therefore, it is proposed that a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal to include a protected species scoping assessment be conducted by an experienced ecologist licensed to survey for bats and great crested newts.

Protected species such as bats and great crested newts and Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) species are a material consideration for individual planning decisions under the National Planning Policy Framework, 2026.

1.2 Quality Assurance

Skilled Ecology specialises in Preliminary Ecological Appraisals and dealing with ecology issues such as protected species for developers and their advisors and has undertaken similar surveys throughout the UK.

We will advise on the best way the development can proceed as quickly and cost-effectively as possible while complying with wildlife legislation and relevant planning requirements. To achieve this, we aim to help avoid impacts wherever practically possible.

You can expect a high level of service from Skilled Ecology based upon the following standards:

- F**ast service** – through completion of surveys as soon as possible;
- You will be **updated** with survey findings as soon as possible;
- You will receive a **clear, well-written** report that has been vetted for quality;
- Your survey will be carried out by an **Ecologist trained and experienced** in Phase 1 Habitat surveys for developments and licensed to survey for bats and great crested newts.

In addition, the company is covered by Professional Indemnity Insurance to £1,000,000 and for Public Liability to £5,000,000, as well as abides by the Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management's Code of Professional Conduct.

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1.3 Assessment Approach

The assessment would consist of a Phase 1 Habitat survey in accordance with JNCC and CIEEM guidelines (the standard industry guidelines for initial ecological assessments) **plus** the following:

- All plant species observed on site would be recorded to give a detailed recording of the botanical habitats on the site;
- Trees and buildings would be inspected for risk of supporting bat roosts and, as far as possible, be inspected for bats by a licensed bat surveyor;
- Habitats (including ponds) would be assessed as to whether they have features indicating suitability for other protected and UK priority species such as for badgers, water voles, great crested newts and reptiles;
- The local area would be assessed, as surrounding habitats would affect the likelihood of significant species occurring on site;
- A local biological record search would not be ordered to accompany the report.

Photographs may be taken to both assist with the assessment and to illustrate the report.

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The quality checked report would include:

- Executive summary, to quickly and clearly see what we found and how best to proceed;
- Introduction and the methods used following industry standards and best practice;
- Survey results;
- The risk of protected species occurring and being impacted by the development with clear, objective reasoning;
- The legal and planning implications;
- Advice on impact avoidance, as far as practical for the development;
- Recommendations for further surveys **only** if a reasonable likelihood of protected or priority species occurring and being unavoidably impacted is discovered, in accordance with government guidance for developments;
- Phase 1 Habitat map.
- Biodiversity enhancements.

1.4 Health and Safety

A risk assessment would be carried out before commencing the survey. The client should inform the surveyor of any less than obvious health and safety risks, prior to survey commencement.

1.5 Preliminary Timetable

Timing
Survey within 1 week of instruction
Report within 2 weeks of the survey.

Please note this timetable depends upon receiving the commission in reasonable time and may be affected by factors outside of the control of Skilled Ecology, such as the weather.

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1.6 Quote

The quote is:

Activity	Price
Survey visit	£250
Reporting	£300
Data Search (Disbursement Fee)	£0
Total fee	**£550**

Skilled Ecology is VAT registered. The above price is excluding VAT.

Please note: The price includes one hard copy and one electronic copy of the report. Further hard copies would be charged at £10 per copy.

Payment Terms

Full payment within 30 days of invoicing.