ALDERWOOD ECOLOGY

Biodiversity Method Statement

Ref: JA 26-041 (V1)

Client Name: Andersons Transport

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Site Name: St Ives Road, Woodhurst

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VALIDITY OF REPORT

It should be noted that the information provided within this report provides details of the Site's current ecological situation. It is recommended that further advice should be sought from a suitably qualified ecologist as to whether the information provided requires updating in light of changing ecological conditions, should a planning application not be submitted within 12 months.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Terms of Instruction

1.1 Alderwood Ecology has been instructed by Andersons Transport Ltd in relation to the preparation of this Biodiversity Method Statement (BMS) for land at ("the Site").

1.2 The Site is subject to a planning permission ref: 24/01761/FUL ("the Planning Permission") for the extension of existing warehouse and associated parking and landscaping ("the Proposed Development").

Documents Provided

1.1 As background information, the following documentation was provided:

- Preliminary Ecological Appraisal dated June 2023 – Skilled Ecology ("the PEA")
- Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment dated April 2025 – Joanne Alderton Ecology ("the BNGA").

Site Description

1.2 The Site is located on St. Ives Road, Woodhurst centred at Ordnance Survey grid reference TL 33747 75774. The assessment covered the whole of the Site, which is approximately 1.61ha in area. The Site comprises a commercial building and yard used in connection with lorry trailer storage.

1.3 The Site location plan is provided at **Figure 1**.

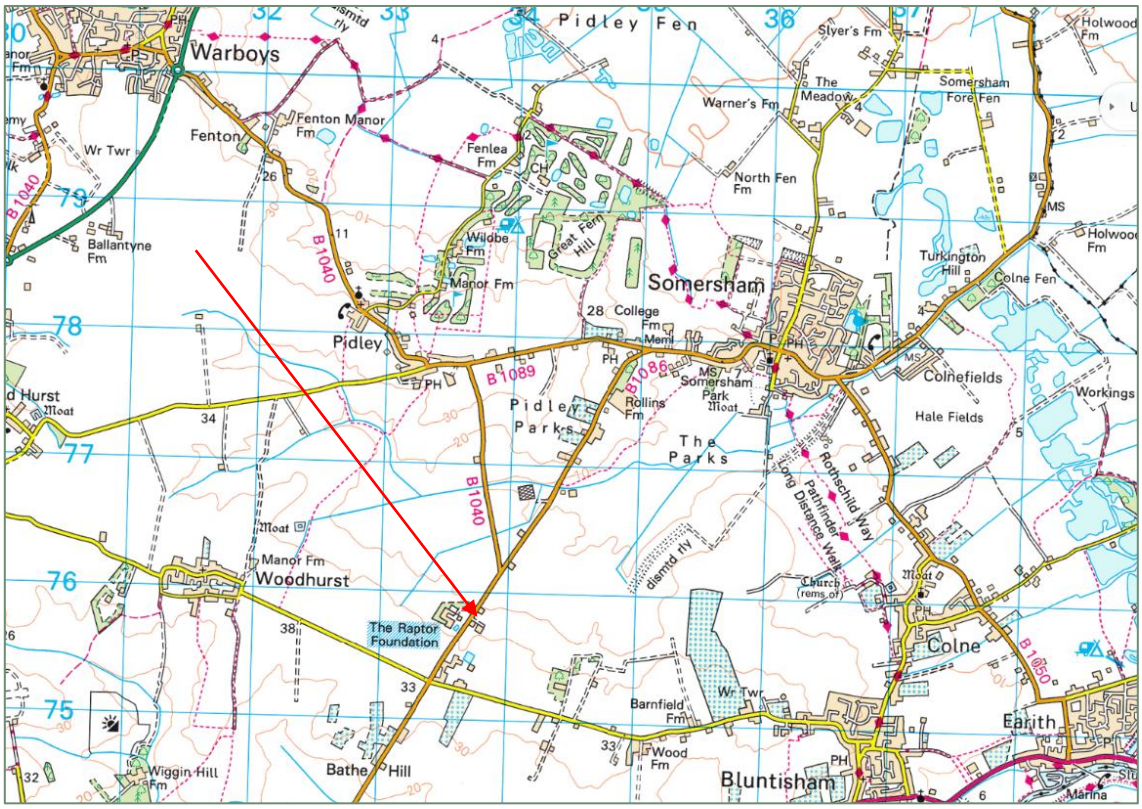


Figure 1: Site Location courtesy of BING maps (2025)

2. BIODIVERSITY BASELINE

Biodiversity Baseline

2.1 The Site comprises an existing commercial building, surrounded by a combination of sparsely vegetated land with pockets of modified grassland. In the north of the Site was an existing SuDS area with a cherry laurel *Prunus laurocerasus* hedgerow separating the waterbody from the main access gate and track.

Constraints and Opportunities

2.2 Based on this information the ecological constraints to the Proposed Development are as follows:

- Risk of construction creep impacting retained habitats.

2.3 The ecological opportunities of the Proposed Development, as identified within the PEA and the BNGA are as follows:

- Opportunity to include bird nesting features and bat roosting features within retained trees;
- Creation of a species rich hedgerow; and
- Inclusion of native shrub and tree planting alongside species rich grassland creation within the landscaping scheme.

3. BIODIVERSITY RECOMMENDATIONS

Method Statement

3.1 A Construction Exclusion Zone (CEZ) should be set up to minimise the risk of any construction creep outside of the working zone. This should be demarcated via HERAS fencing or similar with warning signs prohibiting any construction activity within the fenced area. This will protect the retained grassland area in the south-east of the Site as well as the SuDS in the north of the Site.

Wildlife boxes/features

3.2 The PEA recommends the following wildlife features to be installed on boundary trees:

- 3 x Schwegler 1B general purpose bird box;
- 3 x Schwegler house sparrow boxes; snd
- 2 x Kent Style bat box.

3.3 The location of these boxes are recommended for the area of trees to the south-west of the Site, as this is the only area within the land ownership where trees will be mature enough for boxes. The location of these boxes is indicated within the plan presented at **Appendix 1**.

3.4 The bird boxes should be positioned approximately 3m above ground level, facing East and North-East. Whilst the bat boxes should be located on south-eastern or south-western aspects of the tree

3.5 In the event that the products recommended are not available, similar product should be sourced that are suitable for tree mounting.

3.6 As recommended within the PEA and set out within the BNGA, the landscaping within the Site will form a mixture of native scrub and tree planting, alongside some species rich grassland creation. The details of the recommended mixes are set out within the plan presented at **Appendix 1**. Further details on the specification for establishment and management of these habitats are detailed within the Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan dated October 2026.

4. APPENDICES

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No fish to be added to water

Native mixed scrub planting:
30% Blackthorn
30% Hawthorn
20% Hazel
10% Guelder rose
10% dogwood

Wildlife boxes to be attached
to trees in this area:
3 x Schwegler 1B
3 x Schwegler House Sparrow Boxes
3 x Kent style bat boxes

Grassland enhanced using Emorsgate EM1
general purpose meadow mix

Native tree planting:
3 x Silver birch

Native hedgerow:
60% Hawthorn
20% Field maple
10% Hazel
5% Cherry
5% Guelder rose
- 5 units per metre

0 10 20 30 40 50 m

Legend:

- Site boundary
- Grassland: Modified grassland (g4) - Moderate condition
- Grassland: Modified grassland (g4) - Poor condition
- SUDS - Moderate condition
- Scrub: Mixed scrub (h3h) - Moderate condition
- Urban: Developed land; Sealed surface (ulb6) - N/A condition
- Urban: Developed land; Sealed surface, Building (ulb5) - N/A condition
- Urban: Sparsley vegetated urban land (u1f) - Poor condition
- Native Hedgerow - Moderate condition
- Ornamental hedgerow - N/A condition
- Scattered tree - Small - Moderate condition

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Appendix 1: Biodiversity Enhancement Plan