BIODIVERSITY METHOD STATEMENT
AND LIGHTING SCHEME
FOR
ERECTION OF DWELLING
AT HOMELEIGH FARM
PIDLEY
HUNTINGDON
CAMBS
PE28 3BZ

A Biodiversity Method Statement is required to satisfy Condition 6 of the Planning Permission for the above under reference 24/00653/FUL dated 15 November 2024.

1. A Preliminary Ecological Appraisal of the site was undertaken by Stuart Elsom Ecology in February 2024 and its report submitted as part of the Planning Application.
2. The report concluded that no evidence was found on the site of protected mammals, reptiles, amphibians, notable invertibrates or European Protected Species. The floral diversity was poor. The report recommended to maintain a dialogue with the Ecologist as the project progresses and areas of habitat requiring removal.
3. The three small trees, T1, T2, T3, shown to be removed on the approved Block Plan have been removed in January 2025 avoiding the bird nesting season February to August. A close inspection of the foliage and trunk of the trees for evidence of nests, feathers and sound was carried out prior to removal. No evidence of the presence of birds were found before the trees were felled.
4. At the site preparation stage an examination of the wall to be undertaken to determine any evidence of frogs. Any frogs found to be reported to the project Ecologist in order to minimise disturbance.
5. The existing dwelling is to be demolished in its entirety within six months of occupation of the new dwelling in accordance with Condition 9 of the Planning permission Ref: 24/00653/FUL. A nocturnal bat roost survey was undertaken by Stuart Elsom Ecology in September 2024. No presence of bats entering or emerging the dwelling were recorded during the bat survey. Bats were recorded passing the property.
6. Liaison with the project Ecologist to be undertaken as to the suitable timing of the demolition in relation to minimise any disruption to bats with an inspection of the dwelling prior to demolition to confirm or otherwise the prescence of bats.

ECOLOGICAL ENHANCEMENTS

7. Bat friendly planting to be Lonicera Caprifolium and seasonal bedding planting Oenothera Biennis as identified on the Hard and Soft Landscaping drawing 2165/4A.

LIGHTING

Two external lights are proposed, one downlighter in the front porch ceiling and one manual operated wall mounted light serving the Conservatory door.