

Dr Sophie Sample 1. Proofreading of a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal

The following are extracts from a professional ecological survey report. This report had been written, checked and signed off by 3 members of in-house staff.

The only mistakes found in the 47-page document were in the Executive Summary: the first section the clients read and the first chance to make a good impression!

Executive Summary

Scope of Works	[REDACTED] was instructed by [REDACTED] Ltd. ('the Client') to undertake a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) and Bat Roost Potential (BRP) Survey of an area of land at [REDACTED] to the west of [REDACTED] in Lincolnshire (the Site'). The PEA comprised a Phase 1 Habitat Survey and protected species assessment, including BRP, which were completed on the 12 th February 2018. The survey was undertaken to inform a planning application for the demolition of the existing building and construction of a new storage/warehouse building.
Current Site Status	The Site comprises a derelict agricultural storage shed with surrounding hardstanding and improved grassland. A hardstanding access track extended from the main area of the Site. The Site did not support standing water at the time of the survey.
Proposed Development	Development plans have yet to be finalised, however, it is understood that proposals are for the construction of a new storage/warehouse building with a similar footprint, however details plans have not yet been finalised

Should read 'detailed plans'.

Punctuation: full stop missing.

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A further extract from the same professional ecological survey report:

Results:	The following habitats are found on the Site:
Habitats on-Site	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▲ Improved grassland;▲ Building; and▲ Hardstanding.
Habitats adjoining the Site	The main area of the Site is located within the western extent of [REDACTED], an animal product rendering plant to the west of [REDACTED], with the access road running through further hardstanding, and to the east of industrial buildings. Grassland habitats extend to the north, south and west of the main Site area. A dry ditch defines the north-western Site boundary, with a seasonally wet ditch and Ash Lound and Brick Kiln Holt Local Wildlife Site (LWS) approximately 100 m to the west. Industrial units occupy the areas to the north and east of the main Site area. A total of eight waterbodies have been identified within 500 m of the Site.
Potential for Protected/ Notable Species	<p>The ledges and perches within the steel-framed interior of the on-Site building offered limited nesting opportunities for birds, as well as possible roosting perches for barn owl, although no evidence of this species was recorded.</p> <p>The on-Site building was assessed to offer low BRP, with features which offer limited potential for small numbers of roosting bats within the deteriorating breeze block walls and behind the wooden fascia boards.</p> <p>Although no evidence of badger activity was recorded during the survey, there is the potential for this species to venture onto Site during the proposed works.</p>
Requirement for Further Surveys	<p>The findings of the initial Site assessment have identified low roosting potential for bats, and limited potential for hibernation, within the on-Site building. As such, a single survey of the on-Site building conducted during the peak active bat season (May and August, inclusive) will be required to identify the presence or likely absence of a roost, and to inform any mitigation requirements. However, if the Health and Safety concerns associated with the current condition of the building are considered to warrant its demolition prior to that time, it is recommended that a licensed bat ecologist supervises the removal of sensitive features for bats as far as is deemed safe.</p>

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automated or human
spellchecker!