

Site Name Land at Coronation Square

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Site description

The Site is located towards the western end of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. It is approximately 1.5ha with a shopping area and car park. The central grid reference is SO 92227 22666.

The Site is surrounded by an extensively urban landscape, with several open green areas and a widespread garden network.

Methodology

An extended Phase 1 habitat survey of the Site was undertaken on 26 October 2017 following standard methods¹. Phase 1 habitat survey provides a rapid means of classifying broad habitat types in any given terrestrial Site.

The survey was 'extended' by considering the suitability of the Site to support notable or protected flora or fauna. Detailed surveys were not completed for these species; however, based on an understanding of species ecology, consideration was given to the Study Area's potential to provide sheltering or foraging habitat and/or connectivity to allow dispersal between populations.

The Study Area was also inspected for signs of any invasive plant species subject to legal controls e.g. Japanese knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*) or Himalayan balsam (*Impatiens glandulifera*).

¹ Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC). 2010. *Handbook for Phase 1 habitat survey: A technique for environmental audit.* JNCC, Peterborough.

Results

Habitat descriptions are set out below. While considering this information, reference should be made to the Phase 1 habitat map presented in **Figure 1**.

Buildings and hardstanding

The entirety of the Site comprised a hardstanding platform and street pavement. There were several street and security lights on Site.



Photo 1: Hardstanding.

There were a number of tall buildings with shops and offices within the Site. The buildings were externally inspected for bats and, considering the location and street lighting, they were assessed as providing negligible potential for roosting bats.



Photo 2: Buildings.

Evaluation and Discussion

No protected species were recorded during the survey, and the habitats and features present provided negligible opportunities for protected species.

Further Surveys

Due to the lack of potential for protected species to be present on site, no further surveys are likely to be recommended.

