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Re: Ecology Surveys for Sites included within the Cheltenham Borough Council Local Plan

Dear Mr Stephenson,

This letter concludes the surveys undertaken by Wild Service, informing Cheltenham Borough Council of the ecological constraints and opportunities for sites included within the Local Plan.

An 'extended' Phase 1 habitat survey was completed at each of the sites. This technique categorises broad habitat types identifying those that may warrant further detailed survey. The survey was 'extended' by searching for evidence or potential suitable habitats within each site that could support protected species.

Overall, the majority of sites exhibit limited ecological value, which would enable any potential development to maximise ecological enhancement in the local area. A summary of ecological constraints and recommended surveys is provided in **Table 1**.

Table 1: Summary of ecological recommendations for allocated sites.

Site Name	Surveys required prior to determination	Surveys required prior to commencement of works
Land at Brockhampton Lane	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bats – activity surveys;• Great crested newt – habitat suitability index;• Reptiles – presence/absence survey.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Birds – breeding bird checks prior to vegetation removal;• Badger – pre-commencement survey at most three months prior to development commencing.
Land at Christ College Site B	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reptiles – presence/absence survey.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Birds – breeding bird checks prior to vegetation removal;• Badger – pre-commencement survey at most three months prior to development commencing.

Site Name	Surveys required prior to determination	Surveys required prior to commencement of works
Land at Coronation Square	None	None
Land at former Monkscroft Primary School	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birds – breeding bird checks prior to vegetation removal.
Land at Premiere Products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bats – Building inspection for bats. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birds – breeding bird checks prior to vegetation removal.
Land at Priors Farm Fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bats – activity surveys; Reptiles – presence/absence survey. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birds – breeding bird checks prior to vegetation removal; Badger – pre-commencement survey at most three months prior to development commencing.
Land at Royal Well and Municipal Offices	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birds – breeding bird checks prior to vegetation removal.
Land at Stone Crescent	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birds – breeding bird checks prior to vegetation removal.
Lansdown Industrial Estate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bats – Building inspection for bats. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birds – breeding bird checks prior to vegetation removal.
North Place and Portland Place	None	None
Reeves Field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bats – Building inspection for bats. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birds – breeding bird checks prior to vegetation removal.

If any further information is required, please don't not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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