

Land at Great Barr, Sandwell

2256_R03_Addendum Ecology Note

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1. This report has been prepared by Tyler Grange (TG) on behalf of HIMOR Group Ltd to update ecological overview work that was undertaken by Tyler Grange in 2014. It is an addendum to the ecological overview report produced by TG in 2014.
- 1.2. TG produced an ecology overview report in 2014 in order to inform the feasibility of development of the above-named site in terms of ecological constraints and opportunities based on desktop analysis and preliminary fieldwork.
- 1.3. Due to the time that has passed since this work, an updated walkover of the site and review of desktop data is required to ensure that our advice is still in accordance with the current condition and use of the site.
- 1.4. This work does not constitute a full Phase I Habitat Features Survey and is intended to support representations and inform the requirements for a future planning application. It should be read in conjunction with the Ecology Overview Report produced in 2014 (Ref: 2256/R02a).

2.0 Survey Methodology

- 2.1. TG ecologist Hayley Care, an experienced field ecologist and associate member of CIEEM, attended the site on 6th September 2017 to undertake a walkover survey of the site.
- 2.2. The purpose of this site visit was to review that the condition of the site had not changed since previous survey work undertaken in July 2014 by TG (ref. 2256_R02a). If any changes were observed, potential ecological constraints associated with the feasibility of future development would be identified and appropriate follow up surveys recommended to inform suitable mitigation and/or opportunities for biodiversity enhancement.
- 2.3. In addition, local planning policy was reviewed to see whether there have been any changes in policy since the original desktop study work was undertaken.

3.0 Results and Conclusion

- 3.1. The site visit confirmed that the condition and use of the site has not changed since the survey work undertaken in 2014. Additionally, the desktop study identified that to date the policies have not changed. The Black Country Core Strategy is currently under review to ensure it meets the requirements of the areas development needs up to 2036. As such the conclusions drawn in the 2014 report are still valid and can be relied on to support representations to promote the site for Green Belt release and residential development.

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