

17th July 2016

Our Ref: 5888.001/IH

Ian Holland is dealing with this matter

Direct Dial: **01925 844080**

Email: **ianholland@tep.uk.com**

John Holt Architects
3 Manchester Road
Bury
BL9 0DR

For the attention of Lucy Owen

Dear Lucy,

RE: LAKE HILL, BURY - BADGER SURVEY

A badger survey was undertaken on the 7th July 2016, by suitably qualified ecologist Ian Holland (ACIEEM). This covered all land within the red line shown in drawing ref: 15/411.01 and any accessible land within 30m of the site boundary.

The site contains a large private property surrounded by hardstanding and mature landscaped gardens with areas of amenity grassland and a redundant tennis court. The site was searched for any signs of badger such as setts, latrines, snuffle holes or prints.

The amenity grassland and hardstanding offer no foraging or sett building potential. The ornamental vegetation offers marginal opportunities for foraging but is in general too narrow and exposed to offer any suitability for sett building or commuting.

The highest value area is to the south of the site, where an area of mixed woodland runs from the edge of the amenity grassland down to a large lake. However, the ground in this area is extremely damp and would not be suitable for sett building, in addition a four foot high stone wall separates this habitat from the site which would be difficult for badgers to cross. No signs of badger were found in the woodland.

The north and west boundaries are bounded by grazed fields, these were viewed from the fence line and no evidence of mammal runs or other features to indicate badger presence where noted. The habitat offered no sett building potential and had minimal foraging value. To the east is an area of hardstanding which forms the carpark of an adjacent building, again with no sett building potential.

In conclusion no evidence was found of badger on site and the site is considered to be largely unsuitable to support badger.



Genesis Centre
Birchwood Science Park
Warrington
WA3 7BH

T: 01925 844004
F: 01925 844002
E: tep@tep.uk.com
W: www.tep.uk.com

Other offices
Market Harborough
London
Gateshead



Directors
Ian Grimshaw
BA(Hons) MA(LM) MSc CMLI MRTPI

Francis Hesketh
BSc(Hons) CMLI MICFor CEnv MIEEM

Cath Neve
BSc(Hons) MA(LM) CMLI

TEP is the trading name of The
Environment Partnership (TEP) Limited.
Company No: 7745159

Yours sincerely



Ian Holland (ACIEEM)
Ecologist
TEP