

For: Emerald Green Environmental Management Services Ltd

Site: BRY0021 Aesthetics Screening, Pimhole Business Park, Bury

National Grid Reference: SD81431004

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Re: Pre-commencement Protected Species Check

Document Context

As part of the United Utilities Aesthetics Screen Development Project **BRY0021**, Tyrer Ecological consultants were commissioned by Emerald Green Environmental Management Services Ltd. on behalf of Bethell Group PLC to undertake breeding kingfisher surveys of the River Roch (refer to **Figure 1**).



Figure 1 – Identified burrow

A planning application was submitted to Bury Council (Planning Reference: 71027/FUL) Construction of a new outfall headwall to the River Roch, incorporating access footpath, access steps and safety handrails, the planning application was approved on 26/09/24 subject to the following ecological condition:

“Prior to commencement, the findings of the pre-commencement survey with regard to kingfishers will be provided to and agreed in writing by the LPA. Any agreed working measures will be delivered in full. Reason. In the interests of ecology pursuant to their NPPF and UDP Policy EN6 Conservation of the Natural Environment..”

History

Tyrer Ecological Consultants have undertaken previous works in relation to BRY0021 Aesthetics Screening, Pimhole Business Park, Bury; in 2023, inclusive of a number of surveys and subsequently produced a number of ecological reports for the site from 2021-2024, issued to date are as follows:

- **TA1 – The United Utilities Aesthetics Screen Development Project BRY0021 Updated Water Vole & Otter Survey** – Tyrer Ecological Consultants (August 2023),
- **TA2 – The United Utilities Aesthetics Screen Development Project BRY0021 Kingfisher Survey report**– Tyrer Ecological Consultants (July 2024),
- **Ecological Assessment Report** – Tyrer Ecological Consultants Ltd (July 2024).

A suite of Kingfisher surveys were undertaken between April and June; this identified that the burrow within close proximity to the works area was not in use during this period; though it is highly likely that the River Roch does support breeding kingfishers as evidenced by the individual observed carrying food during the survey effort.

Post-check Communication

See **Tables 1 – 2** and **Figure 2** overleaf which detail the results of the pre-commencement kingfisher survey which took place in November; surveyor credentials have been given within **Table 1**.

Table 1 – Site surveyor credentials and experience

Surveyor(s)	Experience	Surveyor Credentials
Miss T. Hesketh	5 years	Consultant Ecologist and Biodiversity Net Gain Specialist with 5 years professional training and experience; graduating with a BSc in Biology and MSc in Conservation Management (a course accredited by CIEEM) who holds a FISC Level 4 (2022) and is certified in River Condition Assessment methodology (MoRPh Rivers). Accredited agent on the Class 2 Natural England bat license of Mrs K Wilding (CLS-14227)
Mr. H. Mulligan Qualifying CIEEM	2 year	Consultant Ecologist with a range of training and experience, MBiolSci in Biological Sciences (Zoology), Accredited agent on the Class 2 Natural England bat license of Mrs K Wilding (CLS-14227).

Table 2 – Survey results

No.	Survey Date	Timings	Activity
1	12/11/2024	0745 – 0925	Summary: No kingfishers were observed on day of the survey.



Figure 2 – Pre-commencement Kingfisher survey – 12/11/2024

Key			
	Site boundary		Perching locations
	Surveyor positions		Commuting activity
	Directional compass		Identified burrow

Conclusions

Kingfishers are considered to be absent in relation to the identified burrow in close proximity to the works area. The results of this survey can be considered valid for a period of 48 hours.

However, it is highly likely that River Roch does support breeding kingfishers as evidenced by the individual observed carrying food downstream as observed during the earlier suite of surveys.

Miss T. Hesketh

Consultant Ecologist

12/11/2024