

Thank you for consulting the Greater Manchester Ecology Unit on the above application. The Unit has commented on previous applications at this site (59290 & 62765). The buildings have since been demolished and therefore our comments are as follows:

Birds

The vegetation on site has the potential to support nesting birds. All birds, with the exception of certain pest species, and their nests are protected under the terms of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended). We would therefore recommend that demolition works and works to scrub and the hedge should not be undertaken in the main bird breeding season (March to July inclusive), unless nesting birds are found to be absent, by a suitably qualified person. We would therefore suggest that a **condition** to this effect be placed on any permission, if granted, in order to protect wild birds.

Biodiversity Enhancement

In line with Section 11 of the NPPF, we would recommend that opportunities for biodiversity enhancement be incorporated into the new development. These should include:

- Bat bricks and/or tubes within the new development
- Bat boxes
- Bird boxes
- Native tree and shrub planting

In conclusion, we are satisfied that the application can be forwarded for determination and that any permission if granted is supported by the **condition/informative** above.

Greater Manchester Ecology Unit