



nesting birds during works as a result of noise, vibration or accidental damage of boundary vegetation.

- 7.2.7 The proposals provide the opportunity to enhance the site for nesting birds and recommendations for this have been made.

Barn owl

- 7.2.8 Upon inspection of the first floor void of the building it was evident that barn owl, a Schedule 1 species, have been roosting within first floor void, entering through the broken window. A small scaffold platform provides an ideal roosting space. Numerous pellets of a size and shape typical of barn owl were present, containing fur and bones of small mammals including field vole. Droppings were also evident.



Barn owl pellets on the first floor

- 7.2.9 No evidence of nesting was observed when the platform present was inspected, for example, few feathers were present, no fragments of shell, unhatched eggs, or deep layers of pellets.
- 7.2.10 Compensation measures to replace the roost site will be required, along with appropriate avoidance mitigation to prevent harm and unnecessary disturbance to barn owl during any works on site.



Barn owl pellets on the platform