

WSP ENVIRONMENTAL ECOLOGICAL CONSTRAINTS WALKOVER CHECKLIST



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CATEGORY	SITE			ADJACENT AREAS			COMMENTS
	Positive Evidence	Suitable Habitat	Likely Absent	Positive Evidence	Suitable Habitat	Likely Absent	
PROTECTED SPECIES	Badgers		✓			✓	
	Dormice		✓			✓	
	Otters		✓		✓		The Grand Union Canal runs adjacent to the southern boundary
	Water Voles		✓		✓		The Grand Union Canal runs adjacent to the southern boundary
	Bats (buildings / trees)	✓			✓		Numerous buildings throughout the site with potential to support roosting bats including brick structures with tiled, pitched roofs and wooden slatted constructions. Mature trees also present within the site and adjacent areas which could provide roosting and foraging potential for bats.

KEY



: Major Issue



: Moderate / Potential Issue



: Minor / Non-significant issue

PROTECTED SPECIES	Invertebrates			✓		✓		Planted shrubbery is present on site and buddlea is also present across the site and in adjacent areas which could provide limited habitat for invertebrates.
	Breeding Birds		✓			✓		Areas of vegetation and mature trees could provide nesting habitat for breeding birds.
	Reptiles		✓			✓		Rubble pile and associated rough habitat within area 13 adjacent to the railway line which could provide commuting, foraging, hibernacula and expansion habitat.
	Great Crested Newts			✓			✓	
	Crayfish			✓			✓	

	CATEGORY	Present, Moderate + Quality	Present, Low Quality	Absent	Present, Moderate + Quality	Present, Low Quality	Likely Absent	COMMENTS
KEY HABITATS	Woodland / Mature Trees	✓			✓			Associated with boundary features throughout the site.
	Mature Hedgerows			✓			✓	
	River / Ponds / Streams / Ditches			✓	✓			Grand Union Canal present immediately adjacent to the southern boundary of the site. River Leam is also close to the site, approximately <50m away from the north western corner of the site although it is not envisaged that this will be affected by the development.
	Semi – natural Grassland			✓			✓	
	Other Key Habitat – please specify							
INVASIVE WEEDS	Japanese Knotweed		✓			✓		A small stand was identified along the northern boundary where this feature could be accessed. Further stands may be present which could not be identified during the site visit due to access restrictions.

	Giant Hogweed			✓			✓	
	Other Invasive Weeds (including Himalayan Balsam)			✓			✓	

Additional Comments	
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Further Survey Work

Further Survey Work Required?	Yes	No	Possible	Comments
Phase 1 habitat survey	✓			Due to access restrictions within certain areas which contain semi-natural vegetation, a phase 1 habitat survey is recommended
Japanese knotweed				
Nesting bird	✓			
Reptiles	✓			
Bat	✓			

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2. Up to date standard methodologies will be used, which are accepted by the Countryside Council for Wales and other statutory conservation bodies. No responsibility will be accepted where these methodologies fail to identify all species on-site. WSP cannot take responsibility where Government, national bodies or industry subsequently modify standards.
3. The results of the survey and assessment work undertaken by WSP Environmental are representative at the time of surveying.
4. WSP Environmental will advise on the optimum survey season for a particular habitat/species prior to undertaking the survey work. However, WSP cannot accept responsibility for the accuracy of surveys undertaken outside this period.
5. WSP Environmental cannot accept responsibility for data collected from third parties.
6. Optimum conditions for alien species surveys i.e. Japanese knotweed, Giant hogweed and Himalayan balsam, are between the months of April and September inclusive. WSP Environmental will advise on the presence of the species although strategies to deal with their eradication are subject to a separate scope of works.