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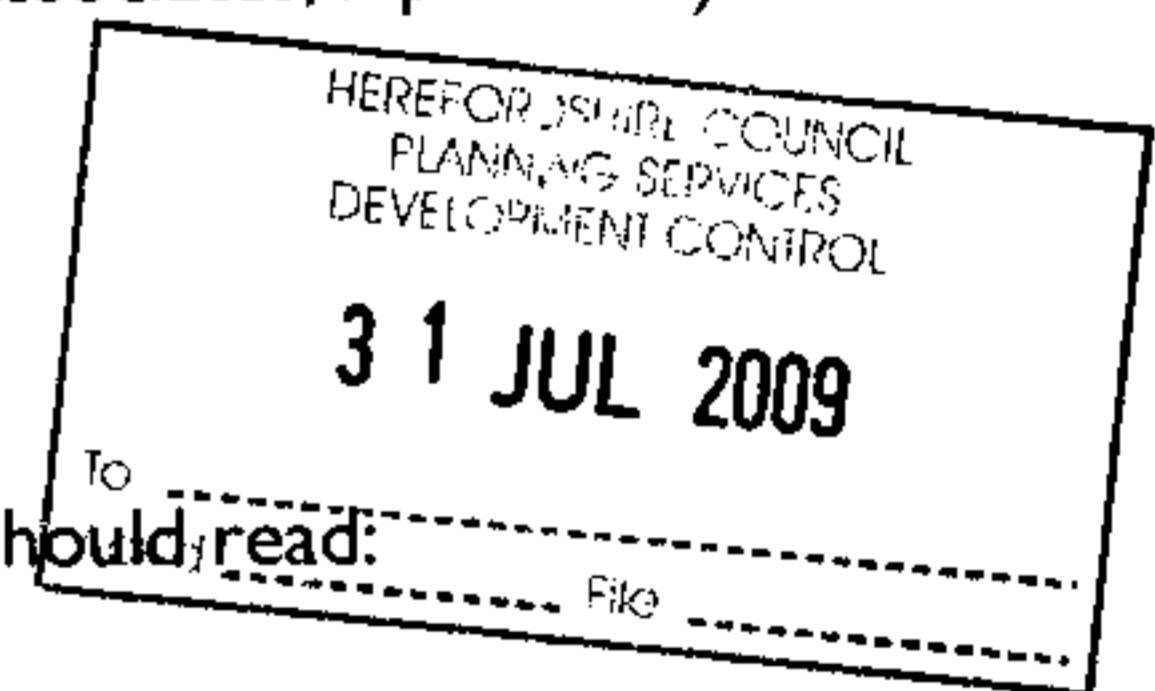
Great Crested Newt, Badger and Bat Update Report

1. Section 5.2 Design Principles, second paragraph – Reference to Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (Nicholas Pearson Associates, November 2007), should read;

Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (Nicholas Pearson Associates, April 2008)

Barn Owl Report

1. Section 5.1 Conclusions, following on from the last sentence – should read:



This was confirmed following works detailed within section 5.2 Design Principles when capping works to the Oak at the centre of the site and the installation of nest boxes were undertaken. During these works a single male barn owl flew from the highest cavity. Upon closer inspection, the cavity revealed the presence of Barn Owl pellets and egg shells confirming that Barn Owls had bred in the dead Oak last year. Given this, it is considered that the mitigation described above and the associated enhancement, retention and conservation where possible of features of value to Barn Owls within the proposed development master plan (as detailed in section 5.2 Design Principles) is still at a sufficient level.

2. Section 5.2 Design Principles, second paragraph – Reference to Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (Nicholas Pearson Associates, November 2007), should read:

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3. Section 5.2 Design Principles, second and third paragraph – should read:

Within the Informal Open Space two 'A' Frame style nest boxes designed for Barn Owls (Appendix 2) have been installed on 25 February 2008 by two suitably licensed ecologists, on suitable trees facing away from the development site. This is to ensure that if Barn Owls occupy the nest boxes, they will enter and exit away from the Site and therefore reduce the impact from increased human pressure and any noise from works during development. The

boxes were installed following selective pruning works, leaving suitable flight space to the box.

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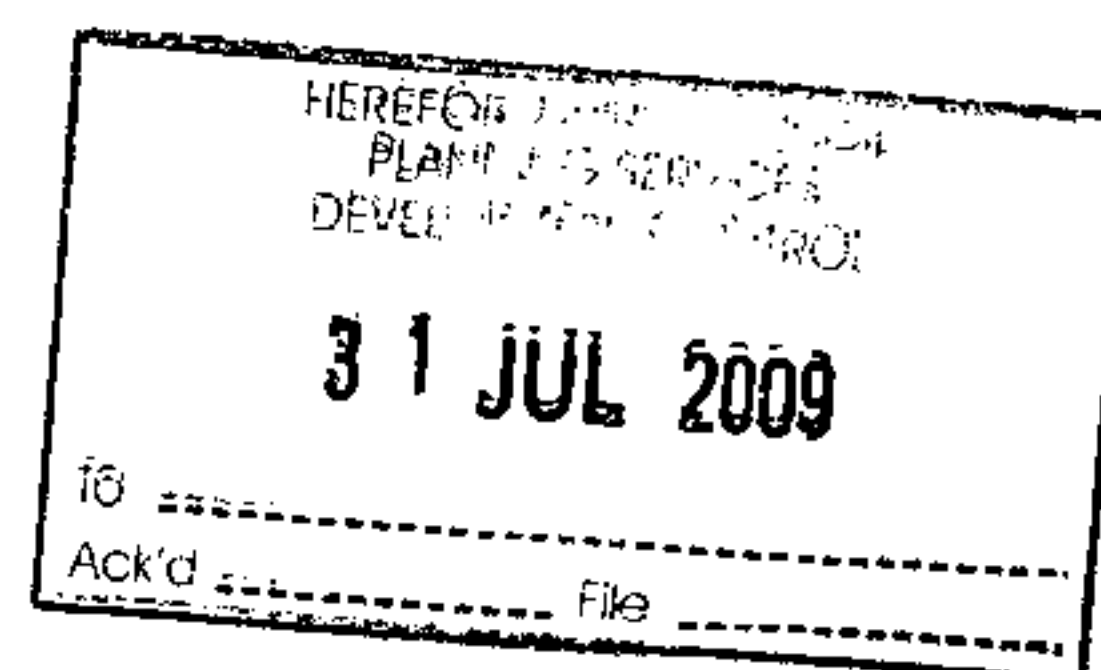
Also in February as a precautionary approach the Oak tree in the centre of the site was capped and will be removed at a later date on receipt of planning consent. This will ensure that Barn Owls or Little Owls do not breed in the Oak prior to felling.

4. Section 6 General Considerations and Timescale of Works – should read:

The design principles undertaken (detailed above) follow legislative and planning policy requirements and are considered appropriate to mitigate for the loss of low quality Barn Owl foraging habitat and a recorded breeding site.

Following these principles, additional mitigation works (if required) and monitoring visits will be undertaken;

- All nestboxes and trees, will be checked for signs of breeding in March/April 2009 by a Barn Owl Schedule 1 Licence Holder, prior to commencement of works. Should any signs of breeding Barn Owls be discovered an assessment will be required as to the type of works and their proximity to the nest site. There will be implications for works within a certain distance of any occupied nest site and a protection zone will need to be determined in order to prevent any disturbance to breeding Barn Owls. Should any works be required closer than 20m to the nest site, a temporary screen to shield the nest and to provide the outer limits of a protection zone, will be erected for the duration of breeding.
- Monitoring of all Potential Nest Sites for Barn Owls (identified during these surveys and those which are provided by nest boxes) will commence prior to construction and continue throughout construction. This will be done twice a year during which maintenance and cleaning of nest boxes would be undertaken.



Water Vole and Otter Report, and Reptile Report C W 0 9 / 1 6 7 8 / R M

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