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**Re: Update Ecological Assessment -
Land off Sandiford Ploc,
Pembridge, Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 9EN.**

1. Introduction

From this point forward the proposed development site 'Land off Sandiford Ploc, Pembridge, Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 9EN', is referred to as 'The Site'. The approximate National Grid Reference (NGR) centroid of The Site is 338905, 258245.

On 23rd September 2014 an Ecological Assessment of The Site was carried out by Dr. R. M. Jones of Star Ecology. Details of the Ecological Assessment are contained in a report dated 25th October 2014.

On 30th September 2016 The Site was subject to another Ecological Assessment. A Phase One Habitat Survey⁽¹⁾ of The Site was carried out and The Site and its immediate environs were searched for physical evidence of protected fauna.

2. Assessment Synopsis

The Site is a semi-improved grassland field with a small shed and a small area of dense/continuous scrub. The field is bounded by fences and intact species poor hedges. The previously recorded tress within the north and east boundaries are still present. On 30th September 2016 a Horse was present on the field and the average sward height of grass was notably less than previously recorded.

The habitat of The Site continues to be of low ecological value.
The building and the trees bounding The Site do not provide bat roosting potential.

The results, conclusions and recommendations contained within the Ecological Assessment report of 25th October 2014 is still relevant.

Dr. R. M. Jones MCIEEM

Reference

(1): JNCC, (1993). Handbook for Phase 1 Habitat Survey: A technique for environmental audit (reprint). Joint Nature Conservation Committee, Peterborough.