

Our ref: Begbroke Science Park Ecological walkover

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Dear Lucy,

Re: Begbroke Science Park: Protected Species Walkover

BSG Ecology conducted a protected species walkover survey on 20 April 2022 at Begbroke Science Park, as required by Planning Condition 3 for 21/03195/FUL, as follows:

“No development shall commence until the development site has been checked by a suitably qualified ecologist to ensure that there is no presence of protected species that have moved on to the site since previous surveys have taken place and which could be harmed by the development. Should protected species be found details of mitigation measures to prevent their harm shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall be implemented in accordance with the agreed scheme.”

Method

The site and adjacent areas of vegetation out to 30 m were walked by Dr. Tom Flynn MCIEEM CEcol, Principal Ecologist at BSG Ecology, on 20 April 2022. The purpose of the walkover was to identify any potential ecological issues not already appropriately planned for, and to identify the presence of any additional protected species that have moved onto the site since the extended Phase 1 habitat survey carried out by the same surveyor on 22 July 2021.

Results

No new ecology issues were noted. There was a pair of buzzard in the general area of the science park, but no signs of nesting nearby, and skylark activity was noted in the arable fields which surround the Science Park but not on site (where the grassland is subject to mowing, as specified in the Construction Ecological Management Plan). I am confident that the measures already in place or scheduled (including the Construction Ecological Management Plan, a Landscape and Ecology Management Plan, off-site habitat creation, a district licence for great crested newts (and an associated method statement, to be produced)) are sufficient to manage ecological issues at the site.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with any queries you may have.

Yours Sincerely,

Tom Flynn
Principal Ecologist
For and on behalf of BSG Ecology

