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Dear Ms Toomey,

Re: ecological data for 1644 Bankside, Banbury

Thank you for your letter of 19 October 2004 requesting notable species records for the above site.

The RSPB has no specific species or habitat records relating to the area. However, as you will know, all birds, their eggs, nests and young are protected by law, barring some exceptions under the general licence. Based on the location and character of the area, in my opinion it is possible that some Schedule 1 species (specially protected at all times under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981) may occur in the area, including hobby, barn owl and kingfisher. It is likely that many Red-listed species of high conservation concern breed in the area, possibly including lesser-spotted woodpecker, skylark, song thrush, marsh tit, willow tit, spotted flycatcher, starling, house sparrow, tree sparrow, linnet, bullfinch, reed bunting, corn bunting and yellowhammer. Other species of high or moderate (Amber listed) conservation concern may also occur.

By coincidence, I have developed considerable personal familiarity with this area over the period 2000-2004. I have recorded a few species that may be of interest to you. I have set these records out in the form of a table on the reverse of this letter, regrettably unsorted in any way. This is not a definitive list and must not be relied on as such.

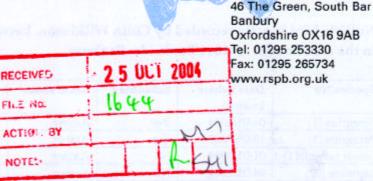
The Banbury Ornithological Society has monitored birds in the area for many years and, for an appropriate fee, may be willing to provide some information to you. I suggest you contact Frances Marks, 15 Insoll Road, Chipping Norton, OX7 5LF and explain I have referred you to her.

I hope this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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