

**Site Ref: BG24.506**

**Site Name: Thomas Cowley High School,  
Donnington**

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**Brindle  
& Green**

\*Recommendations within this table may be subject to change prior to issuing of completed report.

**High Risk Items –impacts upon protected and European Protected Species, requirements for further survey.**

**Timing**

**Roosting Bats:**

The building on site (B1) contains an integrated bat box, which has Moderate potential to support roosting bats. The box should be inspected by a suitably qualified bat ecologist on three separate occasions to determine if it is in use. The box should undergo a pre-commencement inspection and should be soft blocked during works to safeguard any transitional individuals. The soft block should be removed post construction.

Three survey visits comprising a bat box inspection using an endoscope to be carried out between May – September with each visit at least 3 weeks apart.

Pre-commencement inspection and soft block during construction.

**Biodiversity Net Gain**

As the proposed development impacts only the existing building and surrounding hardstanding, the site qualifies for BNG exemption under the de minimis exemption. A Biodiversity Statement is required to confirm the details of the exemption.

Assessment is desk based and can be undertaken at any time of year

**Moderate Risk Items – potential presence of Protected or Priority species requiring mitigation.**

**Timing**

**Nesting Birds**

The vegetation associated with the hedgerow and trees on Site provided opportunities for nesting birds. While these habitats are due to be retained, if this was to change, site clearance work should avoid the breeding season of March – September. Where this is not possible, a check of suitable features for nesting by an ecologist is recommended within 24 hours prior to clearance.

If hedgerow or trees are to be removed - during site clearance / construction (optimal October – February)

Low Risk Items– mitigation/works procedures for potential species which may pass through the site.

Timing

**Hedgehog**

The Site offers suitable foraging habitat for hedgehog and individuals may utilise the Site on occasion, best practice construction measures for hedgehog should therefore be implemented during the construction phase.

Best practice measures to be incorporated into the construction phase of the development