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Stuart,

Further to the above, I have had a look at the plans and don't see any particularly onerous constraints so long as the bird breeding season is avoided.

The key points relating to the installation of the fence are outlined below.

- There are potential conflicts with breeding birds including ground-nesting species and tree/shrub nesting species. (Applies only to specific sections of the fence line where it removes woody vegetation and/or abuts open ground-nesting bird habitat)
- There are no impacts on great crested newts generated by the works on account of the distance from the breeding pond >450m and presence of the RAMs fence.
- There are no impacts on bats as no roost are affected and the works will be undertaken during the daytime thus avoiding the active period of bats.
- There are no potential conflicts with brown hare as the fence effectively encloses the factory site which is outside of the normal range of the species.
- There are no potential conflicts with badger as the badger sett area is on the far-eastern edge of the site and the foraging range of the species and/or setts will not be affected.
- No sensitive plant communities (habitats) will be affected by the works.

The potential conflicts with breeding birds can be resolved by adopting the following precautionary measures.

- The fence should be installed outside of the breeding season between September - February inclusive thus removing the need for any other precautions for nesting birds.

If this isn't possible then the following precautions should be applied.\*

- All woody vegetation must be removed between September - February in preparation for fence installation.
- The fence line must be checked by an ecologist immediately prior to installation to ensure that no nesting birds are present in the near vicinity of the fence.
- A buffer zone of a minimum of 20m should be imposed around any ground-nesting bird nest site to prevent disturbance during fence works.
- Approximately 1km of fence line will require checking by the ecologist.

\*It is strongly recommended that installation is avoided during the breeding season as there is a reasonable possibility that works might have to stop temporarily on account of ground-nesting birds.

It should be noted that there will be no long-term adverse effects generated by the new fence. However it is understood that the installation of the new fence will allow the existing 'runway fence' to be removed, therefore the same constraints to the removal of this fence also apply. Given that this fence is located immediately adjacent to key ground-nesting birds areas that will be retained on site (i.e. the reserve area) it is even more important that the fence should be removed during the winter period.

I hope that this clarifies the key points in relation to ecology on the site. If you have any other queries please call me.

Regards

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