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Re: Poplar Farm, Briestfield Road, Briestfield, WF12 0PA (Planning ref: 2016/62/92041/E and 2018/44/92114/E) Condition 20.

'A Landscape and Ecological Management Plan shall be submitted to the Local Planning Authority for approval in writing before development commences on the superstructure of any dwelling hereby approved. The plan shall detail how Bat foraging connectivity would be maintained through the site. The development shall be completed in accordance with the approved details and retained thereafter.'

Reason: *In the interests of the biodiversity of the site and in accordance with the aims of the National Planning Policy Framework. This is a pre-commencement condition that will allow for any ecological mitigation measures to be included in the development site at the appropriate stage.'*

The site was surveyed by Quants Ecology in 2014 in the report titled 'Poplar Farm, Briestfield, Dewsbury, Bat survey July 2014' (Planning ref: 2016/62/92041/E). The emergence survey did not identify any roosting bats within any of the buildings, and fairly low foraging activity, predominantly by common pipistrelle bats. It was recommended to include green areas within the development to encourage the use of the site by foraging and commuting bats.

In order to enhance connectivity to surrounding habitat features with higher value for bats, such as the wooded area south of the site (shown in Figure 2), we would recommend that a native hedgerow is planted along the south-western boundary of the site (Location shown in Figure 1). Native species which could be planted include; hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*), blackthorn (*Prunus spinosa*), beech (*Fagus sylvatica*), elder (*Sambucus nigra*), hazel (*Corylus avellana*), and oak (*Quercus robur*).

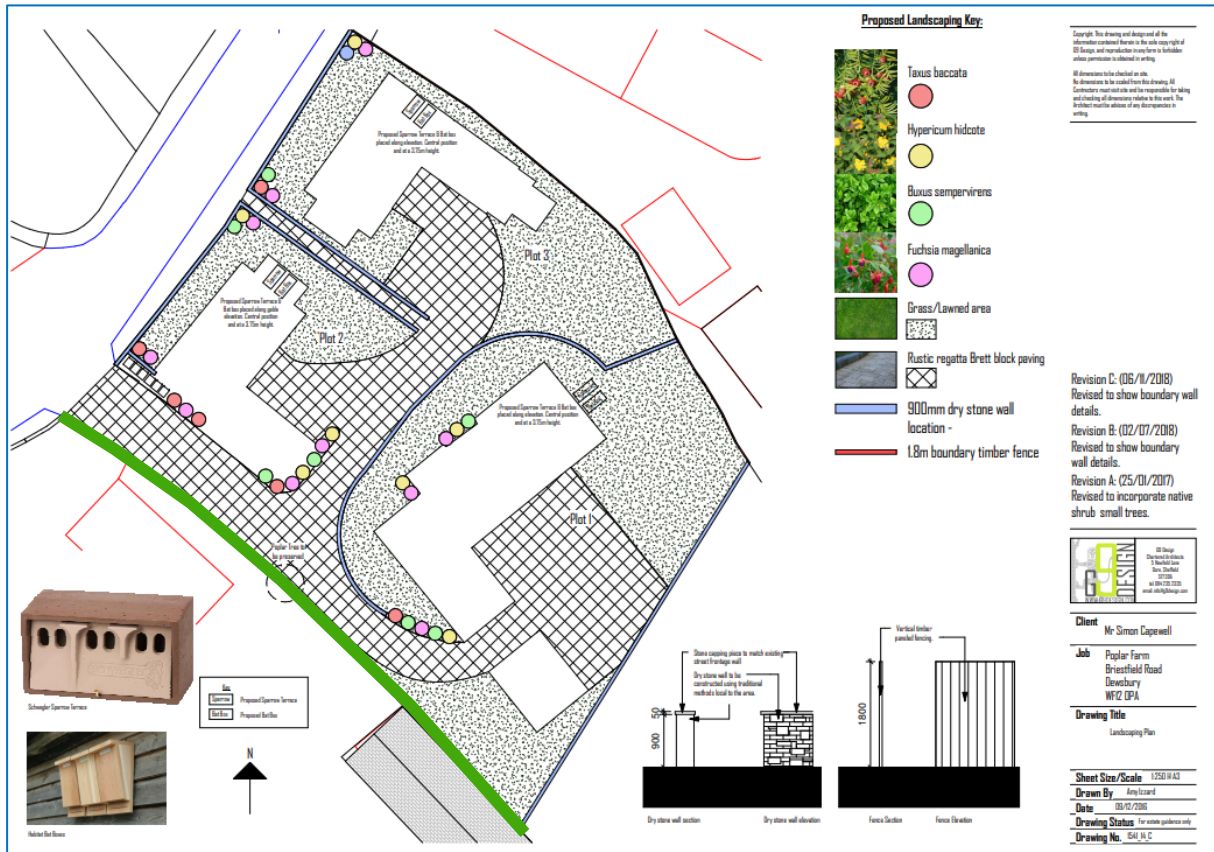


Figure 1 Landscape plan, with added hedgerow for bat habitat connectivity



Figure 2 Aerial view of surrounding landscape, and proposed hedgerow planting to increase connectivity