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**CONSTRUCTION ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
PLAN: BIODIVERSITY
DENBY LANE, HUDDERSFIELD**

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Site:

Land at Denby Lane,
Grange Moor,
Huddersfield
WF4 4EF

Client's agent:

Yorkshire Country Properties,
Suite 3
39 Huddersfield Road
Holmfirth
HD9 3JH

Local Planning Authority:

Kirklees

MAB refs:

2022-1394;

2025-1923

Overview

This plan has been prepared by MAB Environment and Ecology Ltd on behalf of Yorkshire Country Properties to comply with Condition 30 of planning reference **2023/93704** for the proposed redevelopment of land at Denby Lane.

The wording of the condition is below:

30. No development shall take place (including demolition, ground works, and vegetation clearance, other than where necessary to undertake site investigation works) until a construction environmental management plan (CEMP: Biodiversity) has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The CEMP (Biodiversity) shall include the following:

- a. Risk assessment of potentially damaging construction activities that refers to the most up-to-date site specific survey information and specifically to nesting birds, badgers and invasive plant species.*
- b. Identification of "biodiversity protection zones", where appropriate.*
- c. Practical measures (both physical measures and sensitive working practices) to avoid or reduce impacts during construction (may be provided as a set of method statements).*
- d. The location and timing of sensitive works to avoid harm to biodiversity features.*
- e. The times during construction when specialist ecologists need to be present on site to oversee works, where appropriate.*
- f. Responsible persons and lines of communication.*
- g. Use of protective fences, exclusion barriers and warning signs, where appropriate.*

A site walkover survey was carried out on the 23rd of April 2025 to assess current conditions. See appended photos.

Some site clearance for investigative works have already taken place. Some boundary areas of shrubs remain and one part of a privet hedge. The scrub and cut stumps have regrown in places to a height of up to 2m, but much of it is low bramble or bare ground. There is an old garden shed.

Accessible areas were checked for active bird nests – none were found. Several areas are not accessible due to the depth of bramble scrub.

Birds were present on and around the site.

On-site:

- Tree sparrow
- Dunnock
- Wren
- Chaffinch
- Blackbird
- Goldfinch

Around site:

- Greenfinch
- House sparrow

No signs of badger or invasive species were found.

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This report does not cover Root Protection Areas, which are covered under a separate Arboricultural Report, namely Iain Tavendale Tree Protection Plan March 2025.

This report should be read together with the submitted and approved PEA and BEMP reports.

Site Plans



Figure 1 Site boundary

Risk Assessment and Protection Measures

A risk assessment of potentially damaging construction activities and the appropriate mitigation measures to reduce their impact are listed in Table 1 below.

Construction Activity	Risk Factor	Mitigation Measures
Removal of vegetation onsite	Potential disturbance to nesting birds.	Works should be timed to avoid the bird nesting season of 1st March – 31st August; if this is not possible, a pre-works check by a suitably competent person should be undertaken to check for the presence of nesting birds. This will require manual cutting of scrub with an ecologist present in order to get access to deep bramble. If any active nests are found, low barriers will be erected to prevent disturbance within a minimum 3m radius of the nest until all chicks have fully fledged.
Temporary lighting installation on site during works	Potential disturbance to foraging bats	Lighting installed onsite should avoid illumination of the northern boundary.
Disturbance and/or removal of rubble piles onsite	Potential injury/harm to amphibian and reptile species	<p>The risk of any harm to herptiles can be negated with the appropriate Reasonable Avoidance Measures (RAMs) during work.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work should take place during the newt active season which runs from February to October (avoiding the hibernation period). 3. Building materials should be stored on pallets. 4. Materials should be put in skips immediately or stored on pallets. 5. Any trenches dug shall be filled in the same day to prevent any herptiles falling in or entering the soil piles overnight. 6. If any great crested newts are found during the works, then all works must cease, and further advice sought from the ecologist or Natural England.
Dismantling of old sheds	Disturbance of nesting birds, amphibians	Demolition should be timed to avoid the bird nesting season of 1st March – 31st August; if this is not possible, dismantling should take place by hand and under direct ecological supervision.
Digging of construction trenches	Potential injury and/or death to fauna (e.g. hedgehog) which may fall into uncovered trenches	Any ditches on-site should be filled in on the same day dug; if this is not possible, excavations should be covered overnight, or left with a plank or similar, with a slope of no more than 45 degrees to allow any animals to escape.

Biodiversity Protection Zones

Prior to the commencement of any works on the northern boundary of the site, temporary fencing should be erected 2m to the east of the boundary (see Figure 3 below) to avoid disturbance to this area and reduce the risk of fauna such as hedgehog entering the construction zone. This may be removed once works are complete.

If any nests are found during clearance, high visibility tape will be erected on metal poles in a radius of 3m from the nest and a sign erected.

The site development footprint is 100% therefore internal protection zones are not applicable (except in the case of protection of nests).

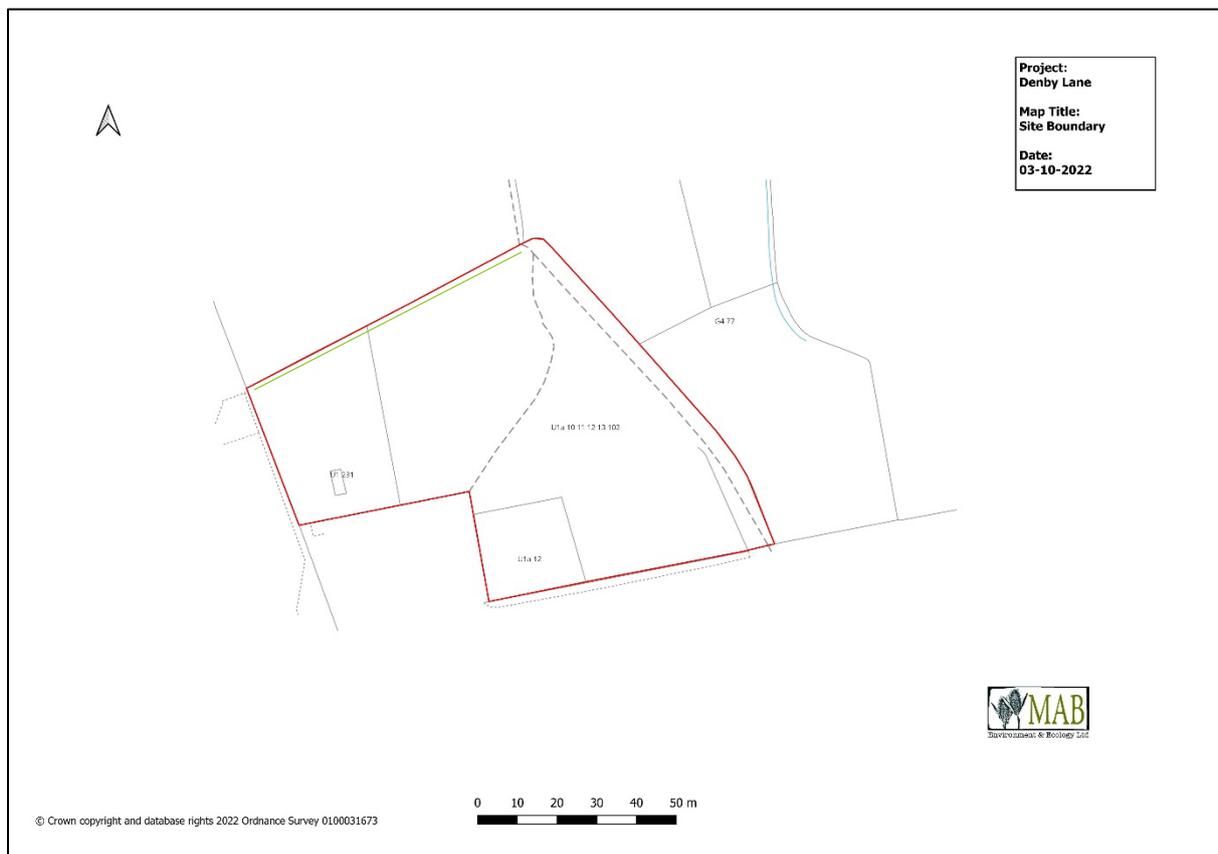


Figure 2: Temporary fence location.

Responsible persons and lines of communication

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Site photographs April 2025



Photo 1 Northern boundary (trees are on neighbouring land)



Photo 2 Regrowth of bramble scrub at northern boundary



Photo 3 Shed and surrounding scrub



Photo 4 Privet hedge



Photo 5 South of site



Photo 6 Remains of shed in bramble



Photo 7 Shrub regrowth at southwest of site



Photo 8 Stump regrowth