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Local Wildlife Sites Surveys 2025: Land at Kentwood and Armour Hills

Ref: SU67S02

Dear Sir,

Thank you for allowing Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre (TVERC) to carry out a Local Wildlife Site (LWS) survey on your land on:

15/04/2025

The LWS listed above was surveyed on this date and found to have a variable habitat structure but was very species poor with few ancient woodland plant species identified within the site.

The Berkshire Local Wildlife Sites Selection Panel met on 20/02/2026 to discuss your site, and due to the site's value for bats, the Panel decided to **accept land at Kentwood and Armour Hills as a LWS**. A brief description of the qualifying criteria for this site is given below.

- Rare or exceptional species features: Four or more bat species regularly using the site for commuting/foraging
- Connectivity: The site is well-connected to other semi-natural areas within the landscape.

The bat surveys from the consultants ecological report indicated that a diverse assemblage of bat species uses this site, which is notable given its urban environment. The records presented demonstrated regular use of the site by four species (Common Pipistrelle, Soprano Pipistrelle, Nathusius' Pipistrelle and Noctule). It was also noted that Serotine and Barbastelle bats were recorded on more than one occasion, which is significant as these species are considered vulnerable. For an urban site, it appears well connected, as supported by the green corridor mapping from the Local Plan and its proximity and connectivity through nearby woodlands to the BOA (Biodiversity Opportunity Area).

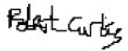
I have attached a copy of the LWS survey report and site selection panel form.

In line with project procedures, you may comment on the decisions which have been made by the LWS Selection Panel and offer any alternative ecological information that will reinforce or change the outcome of the decision-making. If no objections are raised and received by a date six weeks after this letter, the decisions detailed above will be confirmed. The information on site designation will then be available to local authorities within their strategic planning and development control systems.

Please be aware that Local Wildlife Sites are non-statutory sites that are of importance to nature conservation in a county context. They do not affect land management and agricultural practices on the site, nor do they affect public rights of way or increase access to your land.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact TVERC.

Yours sincerely,



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