

**Silver Birches,  
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Finchampstead,  
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# **Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP)**

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## **1.0 Introduction**

The Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) sets out the responsibilities for the parties involved with regard to compliance with legislation and implementation of mitigation measures. It details the strategy for minimising ecological and environmental impacts from the construction phase of the redevelopment of the house and garden shed and provides a framework within which the measures will be implemented throughout the project.

## **2.0 Site Location & Project Description**

This CEMP for Silver Birches is required to support the planning application seeking to demolish the existing structures, and erection of a new dwelling on the plot.

## **3.0 Construction Programme**

The works are due to start in summer 2026.

## **4.0 Roles and Responsibilities**

The project manager will be briefed as to the legal requirements and planning condition as they pertain to environmental and ecological issues.

A qualified Ecological Clerk of Works (ECoW) will be appointed to supervise the site set up and periodically checks on progress of the scheme and ensure that the plan is being followed.

## **5.0 Information for Contractors and Visitors**

Workers on site will be briefed as to the ecological and environmental issues in the form of a tool box talk prior to works commencing.

## **6.0 Ecology**

The habitats within the footprint of the construction zone have low value for biodiversity. However, the site will be demarked by security fencing which will prevent any movements off site onto the surrounding habitats.

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## **8.0 Reptiles & Amphibians**

The grounds around the bungalow and wider garden are largely bare, with only scattered ruderal plants. However, the wider area has some potential to support slow worms, therefore reasonable avoidance measures including a destructive search of any remaining vegetated areas and surface refugia. This will be followed by periodic checks to ensure no vegetation (especially around the site periphery) is allowed to develop on site which may attract animals seeking new refugia.

Where possible materials should be stored off the ground on pallets.

As part of the site induction process, all staff working on site will be made aware of the potential presence of herptiles on site and their status as a UK and European Protected Species. The Toolbox Talk for reptiles and amphibians is to be undertaken for the site staff so that they are aware of what these animals look like. In the event a herptile is found, the ECoW is to be contacted.

## **9.0 Birds**

All birds, their nests and eggs are protected by Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981) under which it is an offence to intentionally kill, injure, disturb or take any wild bird. This legislation and its requirements should be highlighted in staff inductions, toolbox talks and signed by all contractors, operators, and sub-contractors.

Any removal of structures should be undertaken outside of the bird nesting season, which is typically 1<sup>st</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> August.

If any works occur within the breeding bird season the area should be checked, ideally by an ecologist, and if any nesting birds are found there is a legal obligation to protect the affected area with a buffer zone of 10m until after the young have fledged.

If nesting birds are encountered during construction, contractors are to be advised to stop work immediately and the ECoW is to be contacted.