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**BARROW ROAD, BARTON-UPON-
HUMBER.**

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**CONSTRUCTION ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

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1. INTRODUCTION.

1.1. Strata are applying for planning consent to build 196 new residential dwellings on an area of arable land to the south of Barrow Road, to the east of the town of Barton-upon-Humber.

1.2. Prior to any development of the site, Strata have requested that a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) be created to ensure that any construction activities have no impact on wildlife which may utilise the site.

1.3. This document has been prepared to cover ecological issues which could be caused by the works or arise during the works. Other areas of environmental management are detailed in Strata's 'Construction Management Plan' dated July 2025.

1.4. This document is designed to be provided to on-site personnel to give instruction on how to carry out works which have the potential to cause ecological harm.

2. AVOIDANCE MEASURES DURING CONSTRUCTION.

2.1. Detailed below are stages of the construction process which have the highest potential to impact upon the ecology of the site. Each section details what impact the process may have along with how to avoid or mitigate the impact.

2.2. *Operation: Hedgerow removal.*

Access into the field is already possible via a gate at the northern end of the site leading from Barrow Road. However, a roundabout is to be created along with a new access road into the site which will involve the removal of two sections of hedgerow (the removal of these sections of hedgerow has already been approved by the Local Planning Authority (LPA) via the planning permission ref: PA/2023/1981)

The sections of hedgerow to be removed are labelled H017 and H019 within the Arboricultural Report, Impact Assessment and Method Statement (Ref: 19500 Date: 07/07/25).

2.2.1. *Impacts.*

2.2.1.1. Priority habitats: Hedgerows are priority habitat listed on the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act (2006). Therefore, the removal of the hedgerow will impact on a priority habitat.

2.2.1.2. Nesting birds: All hedgerows around the site have the potential to support nesting birds within the nesting season, which extends from March to August inclusive each year. Therefore, any impact on the hedgerows has the potential to harm nesting birds.

2.2.2. *Mitigation.*

2.2.2.1. Priority habitats: The removal of the relevant hedgerows around the site are fully detailed within the arboricultural report titled: Arboricultural Report, Impact Assessment and Method Statement (Ref: 19500 Date: 07/07/25). Such document is to be granted approval by the LPA prior to any tree/hedgerow removal commencing.

2.2.2.2. Nesting birds: The sections of hedgerow due for removal are of a poor quality and have only recently been planted; they are therefore still gappy and ‘defunct’. Regardless, removal of this hedgerow will either be done outside of the nesting bird season, which extends between March and August inclusive each year, or if to be removed during next bird season will be preceded by a nesting bird survey undertaken by a suitably experienced ecologist. In the event that a nest is identified, work will stop and a suitable buffer zone will be put in place until nesting activity has ended.

2.3. Operation: Ground Clearance.

The ground within the field will need to be cleared to facilitate the development of the site.

2.3.1. Impacts.

2.3.1.1. Ground nesting birds.

Arable land has the potential to support ground nesting birds. If possible, all vegetation, including crops, will be removed from the field prior to the nesting bird season in March. This will deter any ground nesting birds from using the site.

If this does not prove to be possible and vegetation clearance has to take place during nesting bird season this will be preceded by a nesting bird survey undertaken by a suitably experienced ecologist.

2.3.1.2. Reptiles and amphibians.

Although arable land is generally unsuitable for reptile and amphibian species, the development will proceed under avoidance measures in the unlikely event that they are present on site at the time of works.

2.3.2. Mitigation.

2.3.2.1. Ground nesting birds.

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site. If this does not prove to be possible and vegetation clearance has to take place during nesting bird season this will be preceded by a nesting bird survey undertaken by a suitably experienced ecologist.

2.3.2.2. Reptiles and amphibians.

The likelihood of encountering reptiles and amphibians during the works is considered to be minimal. However, should any reptiles or amphibians be found on site. Works will temporarily cease until advice has been sought from a suitably experienced ecologist on how to proceed.

2.4. Operation: Working within the south-western corner of the site.

Construction works will be required to take place within the south-western corner of the site, where Virginia creeper, which is an invasive, non-native species listed on schedule 9 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981), is growing over the hedge from a neighbouring garden.

2.4.1. *Impacts.*

Works have the potential to spread the plant if they contact the plant when it has berries on it. This is usually during late summer to autumn.

2.4.2. *Mitigation.*

Prior to any works commencing within a 10m radius of the plant, it will be cut back as far as reasonably possible, collected, and disposed of in a biosecure manner.

2.5. General guidance.

Once the necessary sections of hedgerow have been removed and ground has been cleared, the site will hold relatively little ecological value. However, general precautionary measures will still be in place. These will include the following.

- No artificial light to be shone on the boundaries of the site or neighbouring fields outside of natural daylight hours.

- No open excavations to be left overnight. If left overnight, they must have a ramp in or out that is accessible to mammals.
- Heras, or any other temporary fencing to remain in place throughout the works to ensure no works within the root protection areas of the hedgerows and neighbouring trees.
- The construction manager will have the contact number of a suitably qualified ecologist on hand at all times. Should any ecological concerns be raised by on-site personnel, the ecologist will be contacted for advice.

3. CONSTRUCTION OF NEW MITIGATION.

3.1. The development is required to include new opportunities for species to utilise the site post development. Details of all mitigation features to be provided (bat boxes, bird boxes & hedgehog holes) are outlined within the Biodiversity Enhancement Management Plan.

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