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4. ASSESSMENT OF IMPACTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Badger

4.1 Given the findings of the survey, the development of the site as arranged in the plans Site Plan as Proposed, (drawing number: AL (0)03), dated June 2019 will have minimal if any impact on the local badger population.

4.2 However, [words omitted], during the course of development works, any open trenches and deep excavations constructed would need to be covered and/or provided with escape ramps at night to prevent harm and enable any trapped badgers to escape.

4.3 It is possible that badgers could use the site in the intervening period between this survey and the project commencing. If this highly unlikely event was to occur and a badger sett is located within the area of works, works would need to cease and an ecologist consulted on the best method to proceed.