

Knowsley Council  
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L36 9FB

10<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Sir / Madam,

**Site: 'Arncliffe Extra Care, Arncliffe Road, Halewood, Liverpool, L25 9GB'.  
Title: 'Planning Condition 23'.**

At the request of Knowsley Council, please see additional information below for submission against planning condition 23 on our 'Arncliffe Extra Care' scheme in Halewood:

*Vistry Partnerships are aware that the destruction of protected species and habitat is unlawful under the terms of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended). We therefore have written procedures in place to ensure we fulfil our duties.*

*In the event that project personnel identify suspected rare or invasive plant species and / or rare fauna (e.g., Great Crested Newts, Water Voles, Bats, Barn Owls, Badgers and breeding Birds) all construction related works in the immediate vicinity are to be stopped. Thereafter, the find should be reported to the Senior Site Manager and the SHE Advisor who should take all necessary and appropriate action(s), as defined in Vistry Standard (VG-SOP-SHE-09 Ecology Management, attached alongside this letter). To this date, no suspected rare or invasive species and / or rare fauna have been found on the scheme.*

*Vistry Partnerships were provided the 'We Know Services. March 2018. Ecological Appraisal. Mackets Education Centre, Arncliffe Road, Halewood', commissioned by Knowsley Council, which concluded the following:*

*"No trees on site support features suitable for use by roosting bats. Very little green space or other semi-natural habitats are present in the surrounding areas and therefore, the site and its surrounds are of low suitability for use by commuting and foraging bats. In addition, the light pollution created from adjacent street lighting is likely to reduce the suitability for the site to support bat activity. As such, presence of roosting bats is reasonably discounted and no further surveys are required."*

*To again highlight however, each Vistry scheme follows the principles set out in VG-SOP-SHE-09 Ecology Management as a minimum, and if any rare or invasive species / and or rare fauna were to be found, the principles set out within the previously referenced Ecology Management Document would be strictly followed.*

*All required trees were felled during December 2021 and hence outside of nesting bird season.*

We trust that Knowsley Council can now provide the formal discharge notice for condition 23 and in a timely manner, prior to the scheme's handover to our client 'Plus Dane Housing' within week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

Kind Regards

**Vistry Merseyside and Cheshire West**