
ENVIRONMENT AGENCY RISK ASSESSMENT

WASHPOOL COTTAGE,
TREACLE BOLLEY,
MARLBOROUGH,
WILTSHIRE,
SN8 4DJ.

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The purpose of this document is to:

- Identify and consider risks for your site, and the sources of the risks.
- Identify the receptors (people, animals, property and anything else that could be affected by the hazard) at risk from your site.
- Identify the possible pathways from the sources of the risks to the receptors.
- Assess risks relevant to your specific activity and check they're acceptable and can be screened out.
- State what you'll do to control risks if they're too high.
- Submit your risk assessment as part of your permit application.

1.2 This document should be read in conjunction with all other documentation previously supplied.

2 RISKS

2.1 Water voles

2.1.1 Water voles use the adjacent waterways. The site is within a territory, though burrows were found next to the proposed works. The water vole is fully

protected under Schedule 5 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. It is an offence to intentionally harm water voles, or on purpose or by not taking enough care to damage, destroy or block access to their places of shelter or protection - or to disturb them in a place of shelter or protection.

2.1.2 As a precaution - an ecologist will recheck for water vole burrows shortly before the start of the work

2.1.3 As a precaution - a pre-works site briefing will be given by the ecologist prior to the start of the work in order to highlight the presence of water voles (and other species) and protocols if water voles are seen and to not deposit spoil, materials etc. on the margins of the waterways.

2.1.4 The existing brick bank retaining wall in the side channel will be retained unaffected. If work is required to it a prior re-survey for water vole burrows will be undertaken.

2.2 Otters

2.2.1 It is evident that the waterways around the plot are used by otters. This will be at night and day - more usually at night. The principal consideration for the proposal and otters is to not deter otters from using the adjacent waterways and passing by at night - both during construction and once the house is lived in again. The otter is a European protected species and is also fully protected under Schedule 5 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. It is an offence to deliberately or by not taking enough care to harm otters, damage or destroy a breeding or resting place, obstruct access to their resting or sheltering places. The following is proposed for the development:

2.2.2 External construction activities will start after dawn and finish before dusk.

2.2.3 No external lights will be fitted that illuminate the waterways either during the works or in the long-term.

2.2.4 Any lights fitted for people's safety next to the side channel edge will be fitted to be directed away from or shaded from the water channel.

2.2.5 Work will immediately stop and the ecologist informed if an otter is seen or suspected during the work period.