

# Phase 7 of Project Autumn at Longleat Forest, Center Parcs

## Bird and Bat Box Plan

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## **1. SITE AND PROPOSALS**

### **1.1 General**

The site consists of 106 lodges, located across 13 locations (clusters) within Longleat Center Parcs. Longleat Center Parcs is located near Warminster, Wiltshire, BA12 7PU (approximate grid reference ST 83593 43047). Center Parcs and their appointed contractors will be responsible for undertaking the mitigation measures throughout construction of the development.

### **1.2 Project Background**

Planning permission has been granted by Wiltshire Council (reference PL/2025/07206) for the upgrades to 106 lodges and will involve increasing the size of the patio area, the installation of pergolas and new bike parking areas at Longleat Forest, Center Parcs. The works will also involve internal renovations and the removal of 5 trees.

A planning condition was attached to the granted planning permission, and this report would seek to provide the information to discharge the condition:

*Condition 5:*

*No works shall commence on site including vegetation removal and demolition, until details of the number, design and locations of bat roosts and nesting opportunities for birds shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved details shall be implemented prior to the first use of the development hereby approved.*

*REASON: To provide mitigation/enhancement for biodiversity*

## **2. BIRD BOXES**

Bird boxes will be implemented in the woodland parcels surrounding the area of works to enhance these woodland areas for nesting birds. Two boxes per cluster be installed, as such 26 boxes will be installed in total.

A combination of open fronted and traditional hole boxes will be installed. Traditional bird boxes should be installed at least 3m high and on a north or shaded elevation. Open fronted bird boxes should be installed lower down (approximately 2m high) within or adjacent to dense vegetation. Durable materials such as Woodcrete are recommended to provide longevity of the potential nesting habitat. The desired brand is shown below, but alternative equivalent brands may be used should these be unavailable. An approximate location plan is shown at the end of this report, but the boxes should be installed in consultation with the village's Conservation Rangers so that they can be incorporated into their bird nest box monitoring surveys and to ensure their locations to not conflict with future forestry management works.



*1B Schwegler Nest Box  
(either 32mm or 26mm hole)*



*2H Schwegler Robin Box*

### **3. BAT BOXES**

To provide opportunities for roosting bats in the future, gaps should be created into the new cladding to provide access for bats to roost behind. These gap locations can be selected on site and advised by the supervising ecologist. It is noted from previous works occurring that the cladding works naturally created gaps through slightly warped timbers and timber panels not quite joining up, therefore numerous potential roosting features will likely occur naturally as construction works are carried out.

As an additional site enhancement, two bat boxes will be installed per cluster (as such 26 boxes will be installed in total). A combination of cavity bat boxes and crevice bat boxes will be installed on nearby trees to the clusters. Bat boxes will be positioned where sunlight will warm up the box throughout the day, and will be positioned at least 3m above ground. The bat boxes will not be lit by security lighting and there will be a clear access to the bat box entrance. The desired brand is shown below, but alternative equivalent brands may be used should these be unavailable. An approximate location plan is shown at the end of this report, but the boxes should be installed in consultation with the village's Conservation Rangers so that they can be incorporated into any box monitoring schemes and to ensure their locations to not conflict with future forestry management works.

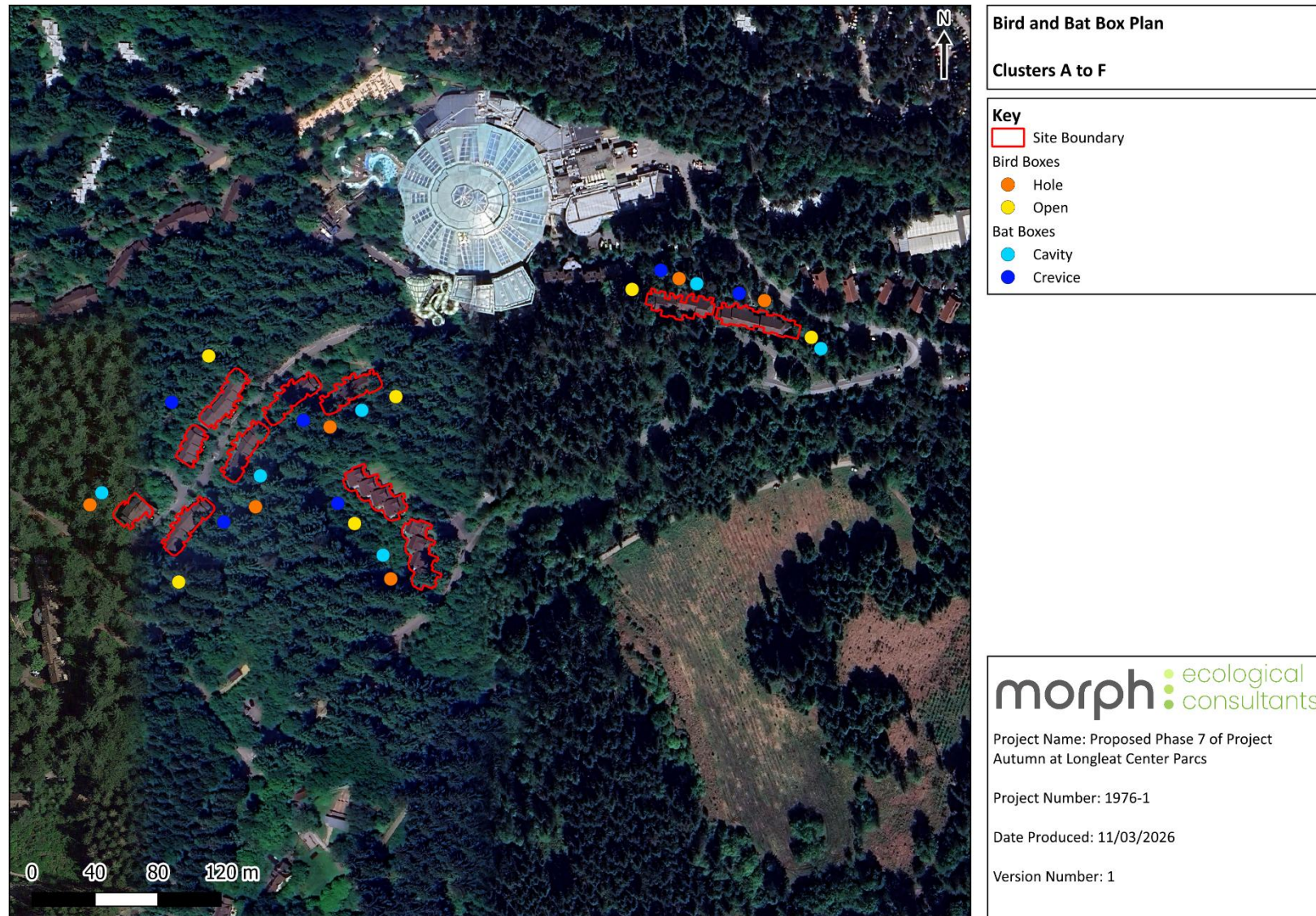


*Greenwood's Ecohabitats  
Two Crevice Bat Box*

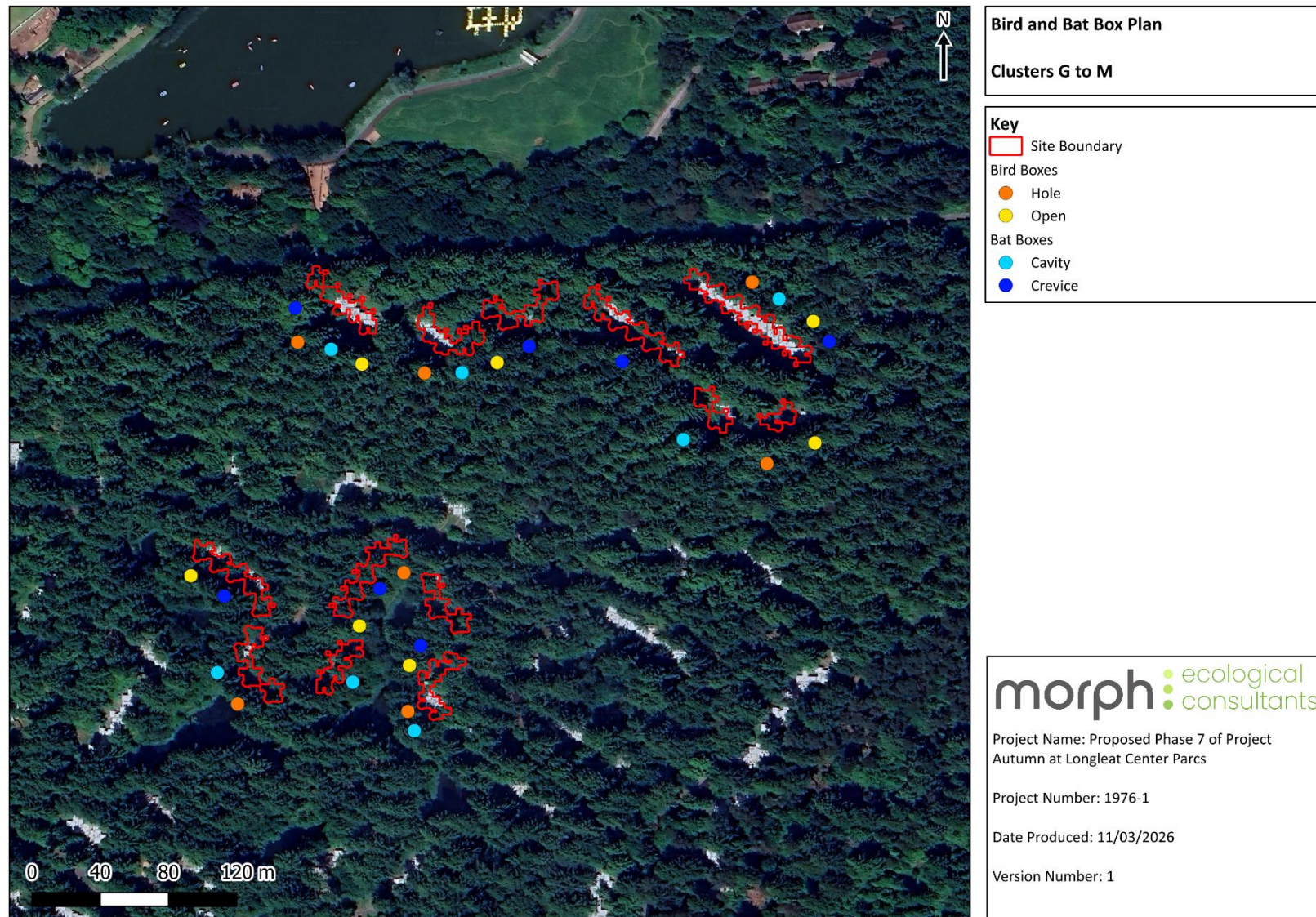


*Greenwood's Ecohabitats  
Small Hollow Bat Box*

**Bird and Bat Box Plan: Clusters A and F**



**Bird and Bat Box Plan: Clusters G and M**



# Quality Assurance

## Quality Information

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