

Wiltshire County Council
Residential Development Project Officer

14th May 2026
By email.

Dear Martyn,

Re: Badger Pre-works check at Rawlence Road (PL/2024/09124)

Introduction

Ethos Environmental Planning (Ethos) were commissioned to undertake a pre-works check for any evidence of badger at Rawlence Road, to comply with the precautionary recommendations set out in the Ecological Impact Assessment (Ethos, 2024) and the CEMP (Ethos, 2026).

Pre-works check of the site and up to 30m beyond the site boundary was undertaken by Sarah Forsyth, Principal Ecologist ACIEEM, for evidence of badger. No evidence of badger setts, other mammal holes, or field signs of badger were identified within or immediately adjacent to the site. The embankment in proximity to the works area, in the woodland area to the west, was fully checked and was accessible throughout.

Dense stands of bramble and clematis were present, however significant die-back allowed good visibility of the ground surface, enabling an effective inspection for setts and field signs. Elsewhere, the ground layer comprised low ivy cover and sparse/low bramble growth, with the ground surface clearly visible. Site visit photos are provided overleaf.

Aside from the low embankments in the woodland to the west of the works area, the remainder of the woodland habitat within the 30m search radius from the site, was generally very flat and therefore considered of low suitability for badger sett establishment.

The pre works check confirm no presence of setts within 30m of the site and there was no evidence of activity in this area. No further survey is required.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Forsyth
Principal Ecologist
Ethos Environmental Planning



