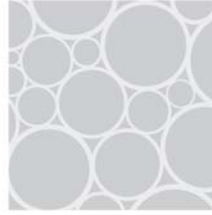




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# FA Facilities, Aylestone Meadows

## Leicester City Council

### Project Aims

A site at Aylestone Meadows in Leicester was proposed for the development of a new all weather football facility and was one of 8 sites that Clear worked on to achieve planning permission. The proposed development site at Aylestone Meadows is designated a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation SINC and adjacent land was also classified as a Local Nature Reserve LNR. Clear have undertaken a range of protected species surveys, including; Bat, GCN, White Clawed Crayfish, Otter and Water Vole, Reptile, Terrestrial Invertebrate and Breeding Bird amongst others.

### Project Summary

Due to the designations that the site was afforded Clear were set the difficult challenge of navigating this proposed development through the planning stages by balancing the requirements of the project against potential impacts on protected species and habitats.



As part of our desktop study exercise, Clear found documented evidence of surveys undertaken by a previous Conservation Officer at the Local Authority who had categorised the footprint of the development as low ecological value.

Following this initial feasibility study Clear undertook a



range of protected species surveys.

All surveys were undertaken following industry standard guidelines and were required to assess the potential impacts on a range of protected species groups.

The majority of the protected species surveys proved to be negative or impacts from the proposed development were considered to be negligible in relation to species that were present.

One exception to this was the confirmed presence of Grass Snakes within the proposed development site boundary.

Clear have since prepared and delivered a full mitigation strategy for Grass Snakes including the survey, design and creation of the proposed receptor site, erection of exclusion fencing and the translocation of Grass Snakes out of the development area.

