

Bradley Lomas

From: Emma Mackenzie (BL Ecology Ltd) [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 July 2018 17:12
To: Bradley Lomas
Subject: RE: Holy Trinity - internal lath and plaster ceiling works and removal of a pond

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Hi Bradley

Based on that I can confirm you are good to go then. Just let us know when you would like us to visit site to run through the risk of bats with the contractors.

Kind regards
Emma

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From: Bradley Lomas [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 July 2018 14:33
To: Emma Mackenzie (BL Ecology Ltd)
Subject: RE: Holy Trinity - internal lath and plaster ceiling works and removal of a pond

Good afternoon Emma,

Apologies for the late response and you did indeed send me a detailed response so thank you.

Other than the grass verge shown in one of the attached photographs the pond is surrounded by hard standing and works within the roof void will be minimal we generally be below ceiling joist level.

I agree that it's probably worthwhile if a licensed ecologist could meet the contractors onsite prior to commencing works.

Kind regards,

Bradley Lomas BSc (Hons)
Building Surveyor



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From: Emma Mackenzie (BL Ecology Ltd) [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 July 2018 17:11
To: Bradley Lomas [REDACTED]
Cc: Kenneth Briscoe [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Holy Trinity - internal lath and plaster ceiling works and removal of a pond

Hi Bradley

Ok, this is a tricky one. From the picture and aerials it looks like the pond is completely surrounded by hard standing and that although woodland and gardens do exist close by these are separated from the pond by substantial walls built onto hard standing (looking from street view). Is that correct? Looking at the photo is it just more hard standing to the bottom and right of the image? **Yes, can confirm the pond is completely surrounded by hard standing.**

If so, I believe we can rule the pond out. Carrying out a HSI (habitat suitability index calculation) based on the photo and aerials and assuming the rest of the habitat surrounding the pond is hard standing (please clarify) then the HSI score comes out as 'Poor' and in most circumstances we would use this to rule the pond out. However, if the pond has a bit of garden, grassland or hedgerow just out of shot which potentially connects to the surrounding gardens/woodland immediately to the north and west of the school grounds then this would increase the HSI score.

If we cannot confirm the pond is isolated then I can visit site to check and take an eDNA kit with me just in case to take a water sample if any connective habitat does exist. We have an unused one in the office which is in date until the 17th July. However, the sampling window used by Natural England is until the 30th June. We can still analysis the pond but a negative result may or may not be accepted. Natural England have stated they are willing to consider eDNA results from samples taken outside of this period so long as there is documented evidence that GCN are still active in the area. If any local nature groups are able to tell us that then that could work, or if I see any signs of other newt species at the pond while I'm there. Of course if I saw an actual great crested newt or great crested newt egg then the analysis wouldn't be needed anyway.

Re bats... Small numbers of bats have been found to roost at the school in the past. One under a tile and one where it wasn't possible to know exactly where it came from. Obviously a bat under a tile would not be impacted by internal works to the plaster board ceilings . We have also had a conversation with Ken Briscoe today about what sounds like similar works at Easingwold CPS. Ken said works would be limited to the plaster board ceilings, creating very small access points to insert steals which will be anchored to the existing joists, which lie below insulation and are therefore not within the roof voids themselves. If you can confirm the works are the same then another scoping survey is considered unnecessary. As with Easingwold, it may be worthwhile a licensed ecologist to meet contractors before hand to highlight the possibility of roosting bats and to confirm working methods.

Based on the above, let me know how you would like me to proceed.

Many thanks
Emma

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From: Bradley Lomas 
Sent: 06 July 2018 10:01
To: Emma Mackenzie (BL Ecology Ltd)
Subject: RE: Holy Trinity

Good morning Emma,

Really sorry I missed your last email, I did have it flagged it's just been that chaotic with summer approaching!

Please see attached photo of the pond in question for your review.

The scope of work is likely to include replacing the existing lath and plaster ceiling therefore it's best if we allow for the roof space being disturbed.

Hope this helps.

Kind regards,

Bradley Lomas BSc (Hons)
Building Surveyor

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From: Emma Mackenzie (BL Ecology Ltd)

Sent: 05 July 2018 15:01

To: Bradley Lomas

Subject: FW: Holy Trinity

Hi Bradley

Re email below, any further info on this one?

Thanks

Emma

From: Emma Mackenzie (BL Ecology Ltd)

Sent: 06 June 2018 10:41

To: 'Bradley Lomas'

Subject: FW: Holy Trinity

Morning Bradley

Lee asked me to contact you about Holy Trinity

He sent an email to Bill on the 17th May asking us to provide a quote for a scoping survey for the new internal refurbishment works.

I noted we have done bat surveys at this school before and the works as per the new plans he sent over didn't look like they would impact on roof space/eaves/soffits/tiles/cavity walls etc apart from the usual general mitigation like no working at night, general noise disturbance and not storing equipment or machinery by the building itself.

I had a chat with him the following week about the works to see if our input was actually required. What looked potentially more important was the fact that a small pond is present which looks like it is to be in-filled. I said the pond would potentially be the main issue and that it might just be a dead quick visit to have a look at the pond. I also asked if he could get his hands on any pictures of the pond as it doesn't show up on Google earth or ordnance survey maps so I expect it might be tiny. The only other potential impact would be to any habitats for example grassland/hedgerows and trees to facilitate any site cabin and access.

He said he was going away to check into it for me, including if there were any pictures of the pond so I could best assess what our visit needed to entail (if any) and therefore what to quote for.

I was away last week and as we had not heard back I dropped him an email yesterday chasing him up about the pond and any info on site cabins, access etc and he asked me to get in touch with you.

Could you provide any further info so I can get the most appropriate quote over to you?

Thanks

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From: Lee Booth [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 June 2018 15:36
To: Emma Mackenzie (BL Ecology Ltd)
Subject: RE: Holy Trinity

Hi Emma,

I'm unsure of the current status of Holy Trinity, Bradley Lomas is the lead on that job, he may be better equipped to give you more information as I just requested the surveys, do you have his contact details?

Kind Regards,

Lee Booth
Junior Building Surveyor



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From: Emma Mackenzie (BL Ecology Ltd) [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 June 2018 13:27
To: Lee Booth [REDACTED]
Subject: Holy Trinity

Hi Lee

Any update on Holy Trinity in particular access and that little pond?

Thanks
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