

Site Investigation Report

Report Details	
Project Number:	14813h
Project Name:	43 Bamford Way
Location:	43 Bamford Way, Rochdale, Lancashire, OL11 5NB
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Task	
Activity:	Badger and fox walkover survey
Background:	In February 2019, JCA Ltd provided a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (PEA) of this site (Report ref 14813a). This identified four mammal holes on site, two on the southern boundary and two on the eastern boundary, which were large enough to be dens/setts for foxes or badgers. Rochdale Council set a planning condition that these holes must be inspected for signs of active use prior to any construction activities on site.
Description:	JCA's ecologist attended site and searched the area where the holes had been identified looking for signs of active badger and fox presence.

Results	
Item	Observations
1	The ecologist arrived on site at 10:10 and informed the client of his presence.
2	The inspection began on the southern boundary where two holes were found. Both holes were seen to contain substantial amounts of leaf litter and no fresh digging, tracks or bedding were noted.
3	Despite a thorough search, the two holes on the eastern boundary could not be located. It was concluded that in the more than four years since the PEA was carried out, these holes have collapsed, been covered by leaf litter, subsumed by ground vegetation, as common ivy was present in large amounts on the ground in this area, or buried beneath wood chippings dumped over the fence during clearance of a neighbouring garden.
4	The inspection concluded at 10:50 and the ecologist informed the client of his departure from site.

Recommendations
As two of the mammal holes were no longer present and the remaining two are obviously not in use, there are no further recommendations in relation to foxes and badgers at this site.

Site Photographs



Photo 1: Inactive mammal hole on the southern boundary.



Photo 2: Inactive mammal hole on the southern boundary.



Photo 3: Garden refuse, primarily comprising wood chippings, apparently dumped over the fence by contractors clearing vegetation from a neighbouring garden.