

Potentially Damaging Development Activities

Moderate Risk: Destroying bird nests

Works which require the removal of rough grassland, scrub and young woodland presents a moderate risk of affecting nesting birds, contrary to the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981). The whole site has potential for nesting birds to be present.

Control 2 : Timing and Survey

Timing: The site will be cleared outside of the bird nesting season (in period September—February).

Survey: Where this is not possible or sections have been missed and need to be cleared in the period March to August the ECoW will carry out nesting surveys of the vegetation to be affected. The area shaded yellow is subject to this control.

If nests are found these will be demarcated on the ground and works will avoid them until birds have fledged or abandoned the nest. An ecologist inspection report will be produced before works continue.

In areas where vegetation is too dense to allow the ECoW to conclude likely absence of a nest the ECoW will supervise vegetation clearance. Only hand held brush cutters will be used in these areas. The ECoW will direct cutting until such a time that they are happy that no nests are present

