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The Botley Centre, High Street
Recreation Ground, Botley, SO30
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This report is prepared by Ian Flux Olivares (BSc). The contents of this report have been produced with due consideration of current best practice. The purpose of this ecology assessment was to determine the presence of priority species within the site.

Project

Botley Council Workshop Replacement

The Site

The Botley Centre, High Street Recreation Ground, Botley, SO30 2ES

Grid Reference: SU50861314

Date of Survey: 13th January 2026 (1000)

Weather: Heavy rain

Size of current site, including hard standing: 222.19m²



The current workshop is a single-storey building comprising four large roller doors, which allow machinery to be stored inside, and is south-facing.



Front showing roller doors



Front



Gaps in wall at rear of building



Rear of building



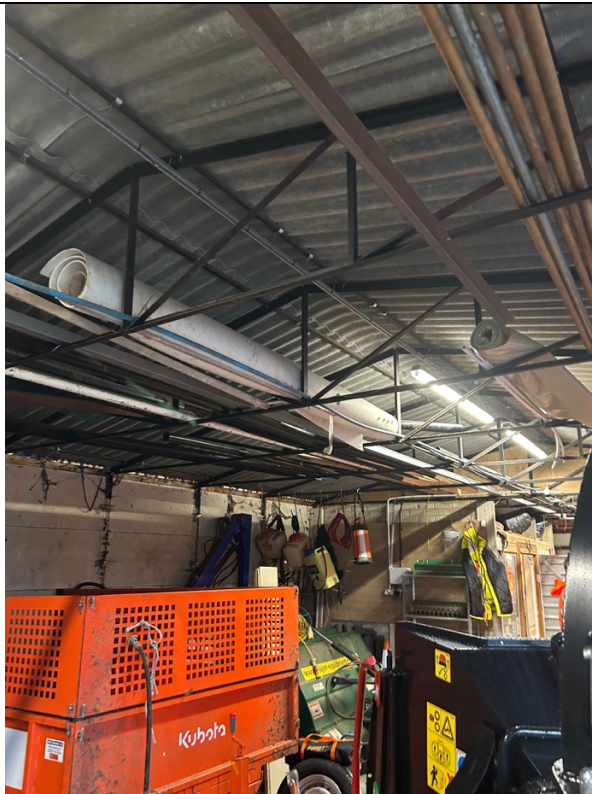
West side



East side



Internal view 1



Internal view 2

Summary

The building is used for storing machinery, tools and equipment for the use of Botley council. It is in constant use, featuring a car park, two hard-court playing pitches, and dwellings surrounding the building. Arable land in the wider area with built-up areas to the east and west.

To the south of the building is amenity grassland, 2.16ha in size, used for cricket and football.

Findings

The site poses hostile conditions for bats, badgers, and reptiles due to the adverse activities within the site and its inadequate habitat suitability for priority species.

Bats and Badgers are present in the woodland 230m south of the proposed site, Pudbrook Lake. However, conditions within the site and building have no features suitable for bats or badgers.

Conclusion

The probability of priority species being present is assessed as negligible. Nevertheless, despite the considerable care taken to ensure the accuracy of this report, it represents a single moment in time and should not be regarded as definitive. External influences, including but not limited to seasonality and weather conditions, may affect survey outcomes. Accordingly, no liability is accepted for any omissions or subsequent changes that may arise following the date of this report's preparation.