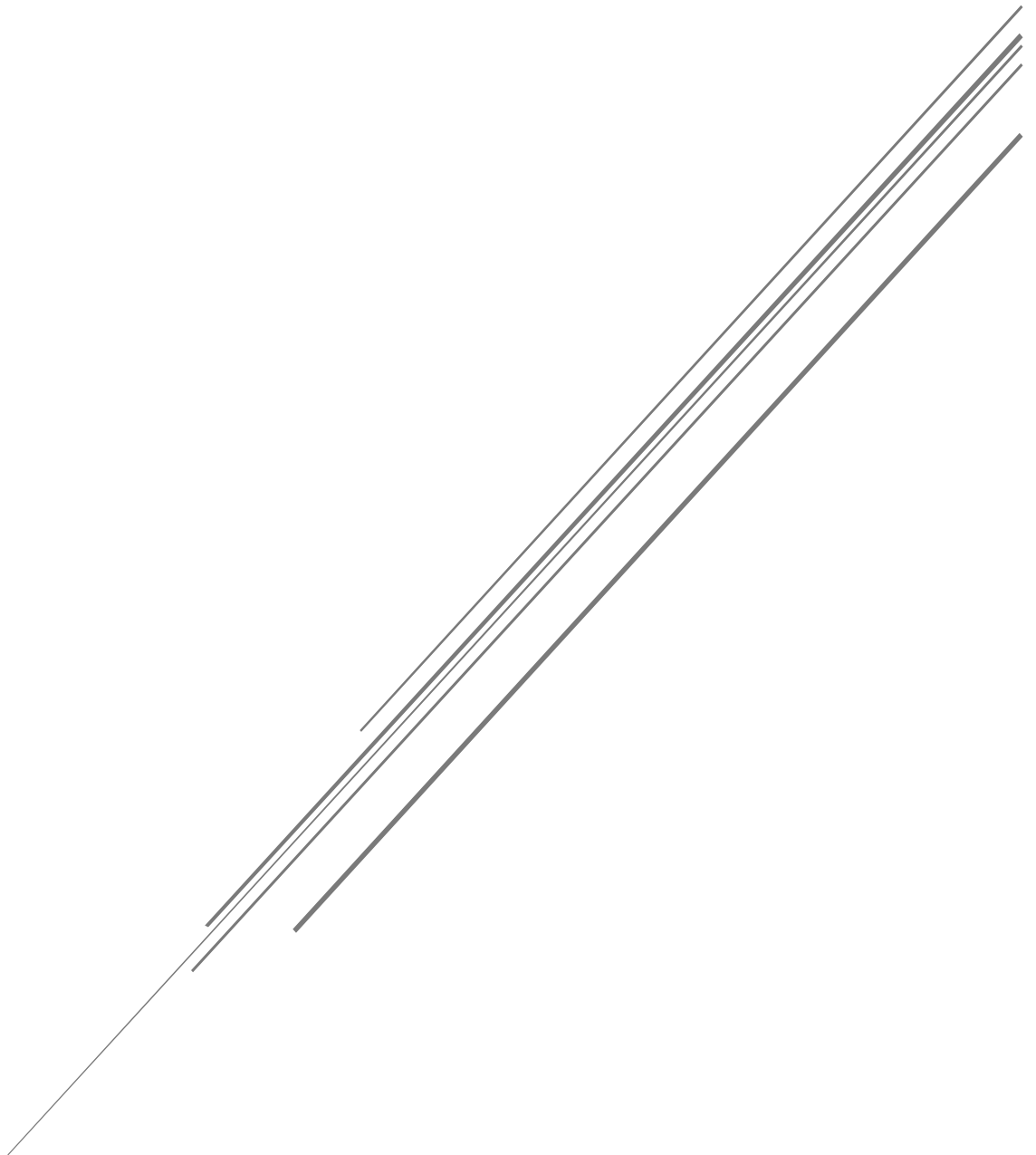


PRECAUTIONARY WORKING METHOD STATEMENT

Hedgehogs



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Precautionary Working Method Statement (PWMS) for Hedgehogs

Project Details

Location: 43 Lionheart Way, Bursledon, Hampshire, UK

Project: Construction of an extension to a residential property

Planned Start Date: 15/03/2025.

Expected Completion Date: 15/07/2025.

Please note that the above dates are subject to confirmation, as a contractor has not yet been secured for this work.

Our Commitments to Protect Hedgehogs

1. Pre-Construction Phase

Conducting Habitat Surveys:

- We will survey the site for signs of hedgehogs (e.g., droppings, tracks, or nests) before starting any works, with specific focus on the areas under the shed and decking, as these are both due to be removed.

Raising Awareness:

- All workers on-site will be briefed on the presence of hedgehogs and the importance of their protection under UK law.

Respecting Timing:

- We will avoid clearing vegetation or disturbing potential hibernation sites between November and March to protect hibernating hedgehogs.

2. During Construction

Protecting Habitats:

- We will retain as much vegetation as possible, keeping disturbance to a minimum.
- Clear construction boundaries will be marked to ensure construction activity is confined to necessary areas.

Checking Trenches and Excavations:

- Trenches, pits, and other excavations will be checked daily (in the morning) to ensure no hedgehogs have become trapped.
- Escape ramps (e.g., wooden planks) will be provided in any deep excavations to allow hedgehogs to exit safely.

Safe Storage of Materials:

- All materials will be stored securely, off the ground, or covered to prevent hedgehogs from using them as shelter.

Lighting Considerations:

- As no work will take place at night, we will ensure site lighting is turned off after working hours to avoid disturbing nocturnal hedgehogs.

Providing Movement Corridors:

- Should temporary fencing be provided around the construction area, it will include gaps (at least 13cm x 13cm) at the base to allow hedgehogs to move freely. However, temporary fencing is not currently expected.

3. Post-Construction Phase

Restoring Habitats:

- We will replant any disturbed vegetation using native plants to provide shelter and food sources for hedgehogs. However, the removal of vegetation is not currently anticipated, as the construction area primarily consists of a decking area and a shed.

Creating Hedgehog Highways:

- No additional permanent fencing installed post-construction; however, access gaps will be installed in the existing to assist with hedgehog movement.

Conducting Final Checks:

- We will ensure no hedgehogs remain within the construction area before the site is finalised.

Providing Ongoing Support:

- We will add a hedgehog house to the garden to provide ongoing support to the species and enhance our garden's biodiversity.

Emergency Actions

If a hedgehog is found on-site:

- We will stop work immediately in the affected area.
- The hedgehog will be gently relocated to a nearby safe area, such as a dense hedge, using gloves or a towel.
- If the hedgehog appears injured, we will contact a local wildlife rescue centre or the British Hedgehog Preservation Society (BHPS) at 01584 890801.

Acknowledgment

We commit to adhering to this PWMS to ensure the safety and protection of hedgehogs during the construction project. All site workers will be briefed, and compliance will be monitored regularly.

Signed:

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Taniko Aston-Kolek
Homeowner, 43 Lionheart Way, Bursledon, SO31 8HF

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Date: 17.01.2025

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