

PARISH COUNCIL WILDLIFE SURVEY

RE: ENDURANCE ESTATES PROPOSED RETIREMENT VILLAGE

Dear Resident,

You may be aware that *Endurance Estates* are proposing to build a 200 unit Retirement Village and associated facilities in the large field between Hillfield Ave and Branch Rd. They would also remove most of the bushes and scrub in the old orchards which are on either side of the footpath running between the Recreation Ground and Green End.

To comply with South Cambs planning regulations, Endurance will have to increase site biodiversity by 20% and stipulate both how they are going to do this and how it will subsequently be managed. To this end they have commissioned an ecological survey both to establish baseline biodiversity and to identify protected or priority species that may be present.

The Parish Council would like to use your local knowledge to do their own wildlife survey to check that Endurance have not missed anything which needs specialised management, habitat provision or mitigation and to this end we would be grateful for information regarding any wildlife sightings or records made in the last 2 years, both in the main field, the orchard area and in rec, rec extension or adjacent fields/properties.

We are interested in all birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians, but particularly with the following UK Protected and Priority species

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Badger, harvest mice, hare, hedgehog, any bat.

Common toad, frog, Greater crested newt, grass snake.

House Sparrow, skylark, grey partridge, yellowhammer, lapwing, golden plover, linnet, corn bunting, starling, song thrush, bullfinch, lesser spotted woodpecker, turtle dove, reed bunting.

Any submissions should indicate where the species was observed and whether it was feeding, nesting, passing through etc., along with the approximate date or time of year it was observed and the frequency of sighting, for example a one off or regularly.

In case we would like further details of a record, please could you include your contact details if you are happy to do so and please also inform anyone else who you think may be able to supply wildlife data. Thank you.

Written submissions should be returned to either:

62, Green End, Comberton

Or

49, The Valley, Comberton

Or

by email to: cwestgarth@comberton.org

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