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Dear Mr. Lemon,

Maitland Park Road: Bird and Bat Boxes

1 Background

Correspondence between the planning team at the London Borough of Camden and Nick Lemon identified the need for further bird and bat boxes to those proposed. In order to discharge planning conditions these additional boxes and further details on the location, fitting and types are required.

Correspondence between Gemma Hannant (MLM) and Kate Mitchell (London Borough of Camden) on 8 August 2012 established that the planning condition could be discharged if the number of bird boxes was increased to 12 and the number of bat boxes to 5.

2 Location of Boxes

The proposed locations of all these boxes can be seen on Figure 1a.

2.1 Bat Boxes

Four of the bat boxes will be attached to the building with one attached to the mature Horse Chestnut tree in the northern area of the site. The boxes on the building are on the southern end so that they will face south, south east or south west. The box on the tree will be positioned so that it also faces south. This is important so that the bat boxes will be in the sun during the day which will keep the bats warm.

Bat boxes should also be located nearby possible commuting and foraging habitat areas. Although the foraging on site is limited there is a tree line along the southern boundary of the site which could act as a commuting route to further foraging habitat in the area.

2.2 Bird Boxes

The bird boxes will also be attached to the buildings. These will face either north or north east to avoid the sun and so excessive heat levels, this should also avoid cold winds. They should be sited away from any clutter or branches which could block the entrance route into the box.

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They will be placed with two or three on each north facing façade. They will not be placed immediately next to one another but spread across the length of the building.

3 Types of Boxes

Although integrated boxes were suggested by the London Borough of Camden they are not feasible at this site. This is because the development is too far along for integrated boxes to be included at this stage, as original plans included external boxes. This was discussed with Kate Mitchell who said that although integrated boxes would be preferred, external boxes would be accepted if there is a valid reason.

The bat boxes will be Scwegler 1FF boxes. These are suitable for use on both trees and buildings. They are open at the bottom so require no cleaning or maintenance.

The House Sparrow boxes will be terrace boxes made by RSPB. These include nesting space for three pairs of sparrows. They are durable and open at the base so they can be cleaned without removing them from the wall.

4 Fixing the Boxes

All the boxes should be fitted in the eaves of the building as high up as possible. They should not be placed above windows or doors to avoid predation by cats. This will ensure that both types of box are placed higher than 2m.

The Bat box comes with a metal hanger and nail which will be used to fit the boxes onto the wall and tree. If required, further fittings could be attached to the box itself.

The House Sparrow terrace boxes come with fittings which allow the box to be nailed into the wall at the top.

Yours sincerely



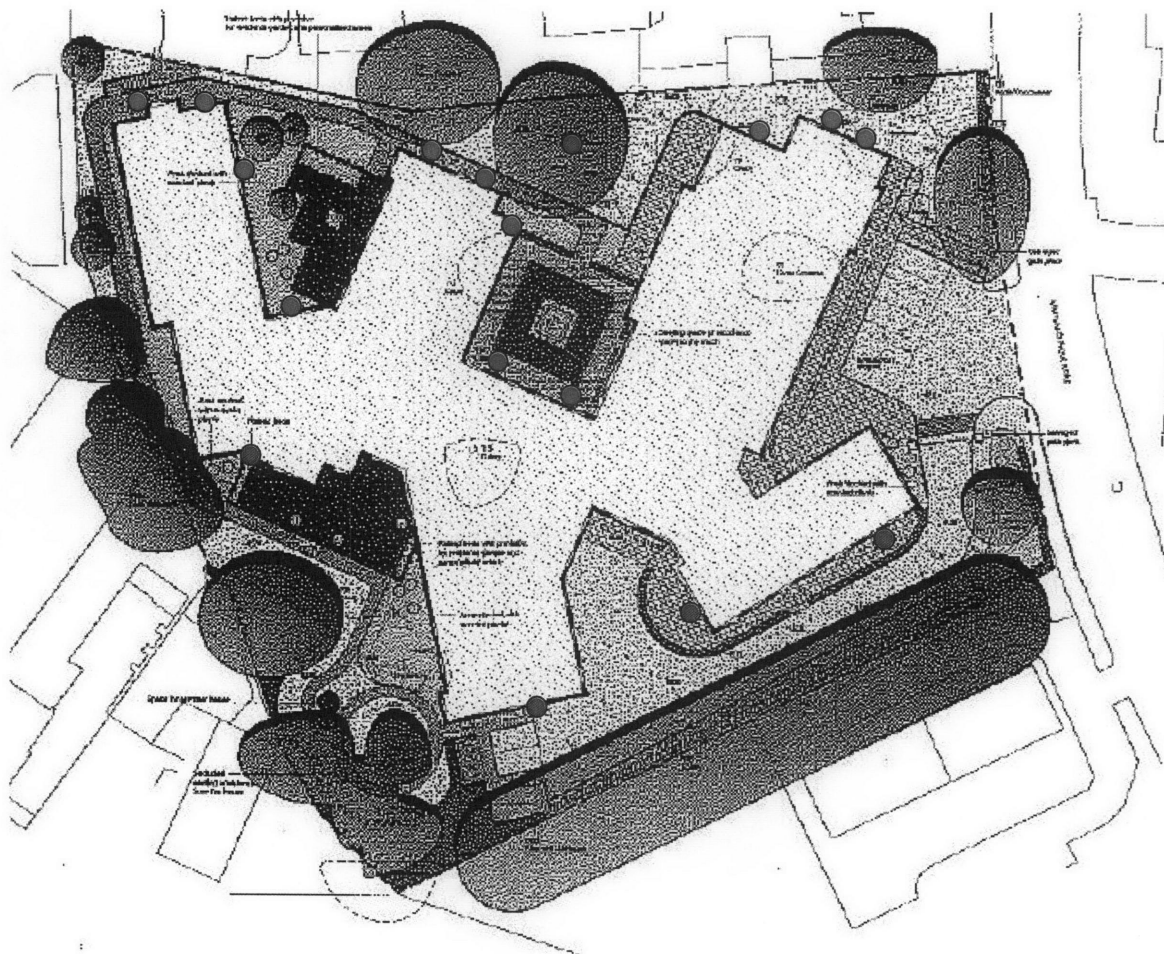
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- Location of bird box
- Location of bat box

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