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Project Name:

Gonwin Farm, Carbis Bay, St Ives,
Cornwall

Client:

Gonwin Developments Ltd

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Summary:

Tamar Ecology (then Tamar Consulting) were commissioned by Porthia Ltd in October 2012 to carry out an Ecological Appraisal of a site at Gonwin Farm, Carbis Bay, Cornwall, in order to inform an outline planning application for the site. The site is proposed for an urban extension development to provide community facilities, including a care home, affordable housing and public open space.

The Gonwin Farm site is currently a Greenfield site, comprising pasture and arable land bounded by hedgerows. The coastal path follows part of the northern boundary, just outside the site, with the urban and suburban areas of Carbis Bay to the west. The site lies within 120m of the Hayle Estuary and Carrack Gladden Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) which is designated for its migratory and over-wintering birds.

Following the initial baseline survey, bat, badger and wintering bird surveys were undertaken to inform the masterplan for the site and associated mitigation. An Ecological Impact Assessment was produced to accompany the application for outline planning permission, and detailed Ornithological Impact Assessment and Botanical Impact Assessments were also produced to specifically evaluate the impacts of the proposals on the SSSI, and outline any necessary measures to avoid or mitigate impacts.

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