

## **EEL191 Magpie Lane, Coleshill - Addendum to Preliminary Ecological Assessment**

Ellendale Environmental Limited was commissioned by Willis & Co. to undertake a Preliminary Ecological Assessment (PEA) of an area of land at Magpie Lane, Coleshill ('the site'). A physical survey of the site was undertaken on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and was required to support a proposal to establish a free-range rabbit farm on the site.

The survey site is approximately six hectares in size and is accessed via Magpie Lane. The site is dominated by a plantation of grape vines, other fruit trees, poor semi-improved grassland and is bordered by a strip of semi-natural broadleaved woodland and scrub.

The survey concluded that the site has limited suitable habitat for protected species and no evidence of protected species was found during the survey. The boundaries of the site provide the most suitable habitat for protected species which include trees and scrub; however, this habitat will be unaffected by the proposed development.

Since the completion of the PEA, there has been a minor change in the proposed location of buildings within the site. Although the survey was completed in January 2019, the results of the ecological survey are assessed to be valid for the minor amendments proposed and a second physical site visit is not required. This is based on the results of the PEA, whereby no evidence of protected species was found within the site. Overall, there is a low risk of protected species being present within the habitat where development is proposed and the survey results remain valid for the minor amendments as indicated.