

- 8.35 Patches of Japanese knotweed occur. Japanese knotweed is a notifiable weed under the Weeds Act and the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. Location of the knotweed is identified in Figure 8.3.

Protected species survey results

Bats

- 8.36 All building and trees were checked for winter and summer roost sites and no bat roosts were recorded on site. One 45kHz pipistrelle was recorded crossing the site from railway embankment to the residential area of Bourne Avenue during the July 2004 survey.

Badgers

- 8.37 Information relating to the presence or absence of badgers on a site is only ever made available to authorised personnel as a separate document for the protection of this species, and is therefore not published in this document.

Breeding Birds

- 8.38 A total of 95 breeding pairs of 26 species, and their territories, were detected on the 14.5 hectare site, giving an overall average density of 655 territories per km. This is quite a high density for such a site. All species are included in Table 8.2. These include five species of high conservation concern and three species of medium conservation concern. Table 8.3 gives the species of conservation concern and the reasons for their inclusion on these lists.