

November 2023

File Note: Ecological Enhancements, HMP East Sutton Park

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Site address: HMP East Sutton Park, Workhouse Road, Sutton Valence, Maidstone, Kent ME17 3DF

National Grid Reference: Centred on TQ 82645 49481

Site area: 0.1ha

Recipients: HMP East Sutton Park

Record of activity

➤ **Background**

Plowman Craven completed a PEA.PRA of the Site in October 2022. This file note provides a record of the ecological enhancements that will be installed at the Site, based on discussions and agreement with the Establishment.

Proposals for enhancements provided within Section 5.0 of the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal Report were noted as potential enhancement opportunities. Based on further consultation with the Ministry of Justice, the provision of bird and bat boxes in the location identified within this file note are considered the most appropriate ecological enhancement.

The proposed bird and bat boxes are to be produced by prisoners and are considered purposeful activity and are considered appropriate based on the nature of the application. The bird and bat boxes will be managed and maintained by the prison's incumbent contractor with annual inspections and will also be repaired / reinstated when required.

➤ **Bats**

Roosting opportunities could be enhanced through the provision of bat boxes. 4No. bat boxes to be installed in the oval areas identified on Figure 1 below.

Recommended bat boxes include:

- 4No. Kent boxes.

Bat boxes should be positioned 5m above ground level facing in a south, south-easterly or south-westerly direction with a clear flight path to and from the entrance, away from artificial light.

Boxes to be constructed and installed by inmates, thereby aiding rehabilitation with time spent in the workshop.

➤ **Birds**

Nesting opportunities could be enhanced through the provision of bird boxes. 4No. bird boxes to be installed in the oval areas identified on Figure 1 below.

Recommended bird boxes include:

- 4No. Sparrow Nest Box.

Bird boxes should be positioned approximately 3m above ground level where they will be sheltered from prevailing wind, rain and strong sunlight.

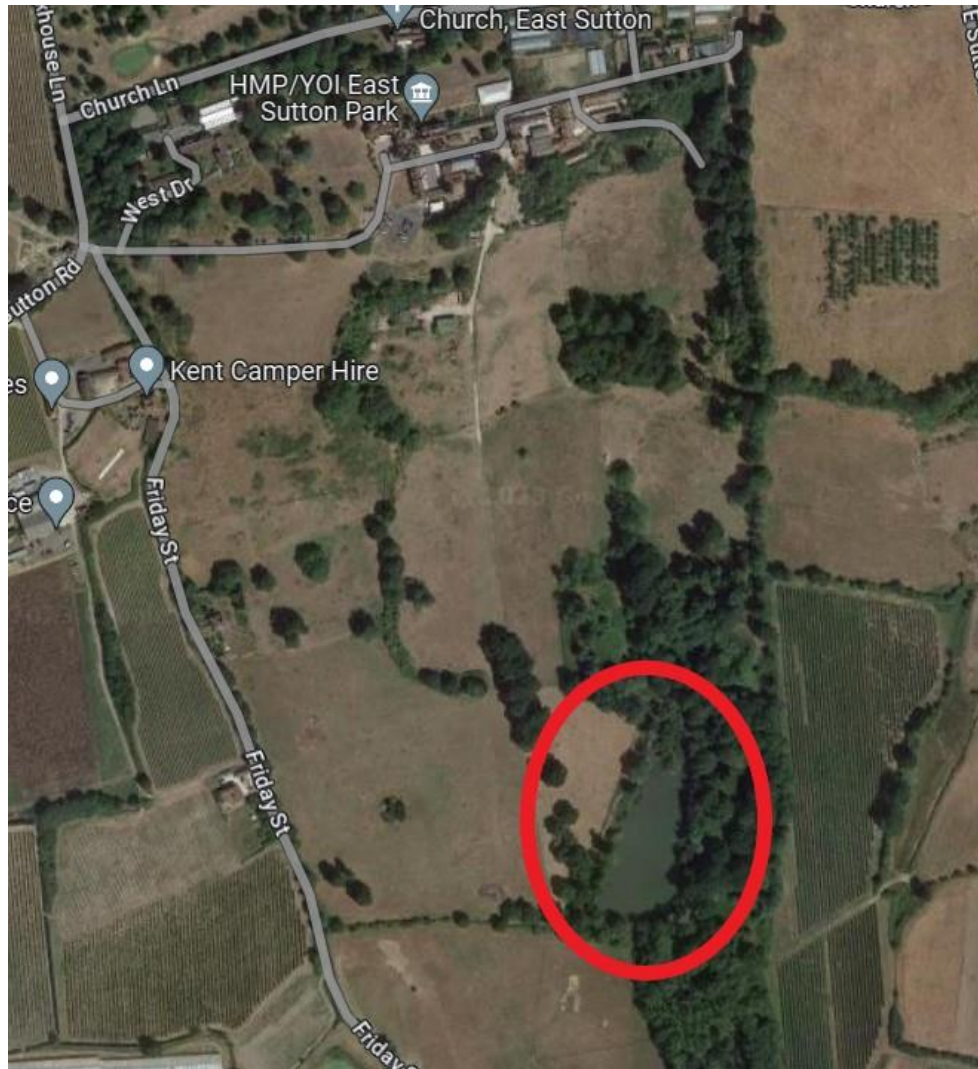


Figure 1: Bat and Bird Box Locations