Initial Ecological Assessment

Building Address	Temple Park Pool Temple Park Leisure Centre John Reid Road South Shields NE34 8QN
Date	12/05/16, re-checked 18/08/17
Methods	External assessment only using binoculars
Personnel	Clare Rawcliffe
Assessment comments	The building is a part of a leisure centre incorporating a former swimming pool. It is largely glass roofed and the materials / construction of the roof and eaves are not conducive for use by roosting bats. All eaves were well sealed offering no potential access points for roosting bats. The brickwork was fully mortared with no gaps apparent for use by roosting bats. On balance the risk of bats being present in this building is negligible No major changes since 2016 inspection.
Bat Risk Level	Negligible
Other species	Birds were noted around the building, and there is a risk some species may have access through broken glass sections and could nest inside.
Recommendations for further action	No further action other than to ascertain whether nesting birds are present at the time of demolition. If so, demolition must be delayed until young birds have fledged.