HEDGEHOG METHOD STATEMENT

This statement must be copied to the site owner, designer, clerk of works, and to those contractors whose work may affect hedgehogs including those involved in all elements of the work detailed above. A signed copy should be kept at the site offices.

This method statement contains information regarding:

- **Species identification ecology**
- **Working methods.**

We have read and fully understood this method statement and this has been explained to the site operatives:

	Print Name	Signature	Date
Supervisor:			
Operative:			
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Hedgehog
Hedgehog are wide spread and can be found in both urban and rural locations. They are easily recognised, with their backs and sides covered in spines. They will nest under sheds, hedges, brushwood etc and hibernate between November and early March.

Working Methods
Standard working methods, to minimise the risk of harming or killing hedgehogs should include the following:

- Any areas of rocks, brick rubble, old building material/foundation, mats, rubbish or fallen timber that have been present within the area to be cleared for over 3 months are to be searched by hand before the start of works in that area. Clearance of such features should ideally be avoided during the winter months, to prevent disturbance to hibernating hedgehog, otherwise a suitable refugia should be provided in an undisturbed area of the site, prior to clearance commencing, to provide alternative hibernacula.
- Vegetation should be cleared progressively using hand tools to provide animals with an opportunity to move out of the area. Areas of tall grassland should be strimmed, and scrub cut down to ground level and removed.
- No insecticides/herbicides in areas where hedgehog may be present will be used.

In case of queries, please contact the project ecologists E3 Ecology Ltd 01434 230982.