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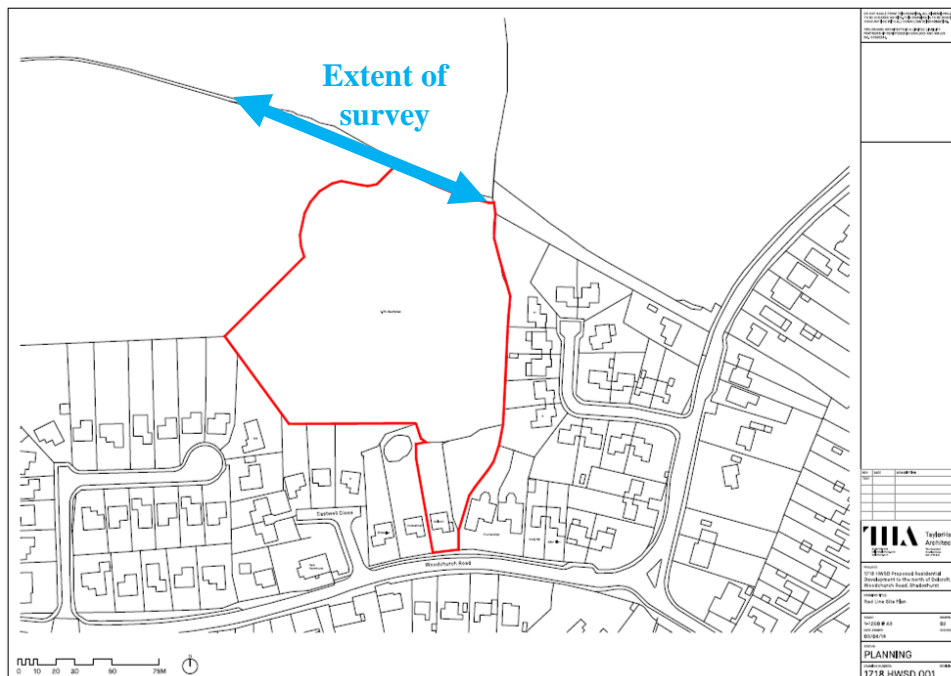
## Water Vole survey, Woodchurch Rd, Shadoxhurst, Kent

KB Ecology Ltd was commissioned to undertake a water vole survey of a stretch of a drain present along the north boundary of a proposed development at Delcroft and land beyond, Woodchurch Rd, Shadoxhurst. The survey was undertaken by two surveyors (Katia Bresso, CEnv MCIEEM, a qualified professional consultant ecologist with over 15 years of experience and Megan Austin) on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018 during sunny conditions.

A systematic visual search of bank habitats was undertaken looking for field signs and evidence of water vole activity (i.e. burrows, latrines, droppings, feeding remains, footprints, runs and trails). This survey methodology is consistent with Strachan & Moorhouse (2006).

No water voles or signs of water voles were found during the survey.

No further works are recommended with regards to water voles for the proposed development.



Water voles are afforded legal protection under section 9 of the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) (See Appendix A).

For more information, guidance from Natural England is available at

<https://www.gov.uk/water-voles-protection-surveys-and-licences>



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