



ENVIRONMENT

Relocation of Badgers, Castle Donington



An initial environmental assessment of the former Castle Donington Power Station revealed established badger colonies beneath the proposed development area.

The size of the site meant that there was plenty of room to accommodate existing wildlife and future human occupants and badger experts were called in to devise a relocation strategy.

Working closely with English Nature and a specialist consultant, the badgers were monitored over a two year period and as the experts began to understand their behaviour, disused setts were closed and construction began on a new one.

Using drainage pipes, plywood and protected fencing, a new sett and run were constructed and “bribes” in the form of peanuts and other badger-friendly treats were used to entice the animals into their new accommodation.