

<b>Species</b>	Badger
<b>Date Identified</b>	Spring 2020
<b>Local Area</b>	Leatherhead 1 identified on site (2020)

### Background:

Signs of badger (including two setts) were identified on the site during a survey for dormouse.

Badger survey completed 2020, which included cameras, where this image was captured, you can view the video back on the main biodiversity page.



### Protection

Badgers are protected under The Protection of Badgers Act 1992 which makes it illegal to interfere with or destroy a Badger sett showing signs of current use or any part of it, or to disturb a Badger when it is occupying a sett. It is also an offence to wilfully kill, injure or take, or attempt to kill, injure or take a Badger and to obstruct access to any part of a badger sett.

### What we are doing

- Changes to the management plan to reduce coppicing in the area, avoiding disturbance to the badger and sett
- If work on site includes creation of trenches, these need to be covered at night or have planks in them to act as an escape route for badgers should they fall in
- Additional surveys prior to any work that uses tracked machinery
- If work is proposed within 30m of the sett we will complete a badger mitigation survey
- Monitor badger activity on site going forward