



Two Beeches
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BAT SURVEY (Presence/Absence)

Visual & evidence-based search for
Bats, prior to building work
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1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This building and its surroundings had an Ecological Survey in May 2011 which found that bats were foraging in the area, but that there was no evidence of them accessing the building.
- 1.2 Planning permission was gained, but work did not start, A re-survey therefore became necessary under Condition 12.
- 1.3 I visited the building at 9.30am on 04/04/2014 and searched all the available roofspace. No evidence of bats was found despite extensive searches using the right equipment.
- 1.4 I also visited the site to carry out auditory searches on the evening of 05/04/14 and the morning of 07/04/14. No evidence of the use of the building was found. Temperatures and conditions were found suitable for bat surveying.
- 1.5 Thorough external inspection of the building was also carried out. No evidence of access by bats was found. Foraging activity was detected both visually and auditorially by Pipistrelle species.
- 1.6 Bats are protected under the CHS regulations of 2010, and the 1981 Wildlife & Countryside act, but more currently the May 2012 2nd edition of Bat Surveys published by the Bat Conservation Trust requires licensed workers for the investigation of Bat Roosts, however, for visual evidence of their presence, I am working within the legislation to search, but on any evidence being found, I must withdraw from the location and any further work would require a licensed worker.
- 1.7 No evidence of the building being used by bats was found, no roosting of any sort, no live nor dead bats were found despite ideal preserving conditions.
- 1.8 Work on the buildings extension can now begin in terms of any legislation governing the protection of European Protected Species.
- 1.9 Condition 13 requires the placement of an Artificial Bat Box, which still has to be carried out under Policy DM8 of Havant Borough Council Joint Core Strategy of 2011.

2. TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT

- 2.1 I have been engaged by Nigel Craig, of Contemplation Holdings Ltd of 19a Picton House, Hussar Court, Westside View, Waterlooville, Hampshire PO7 7SQ. This was by negotiation with David Brightwell of Engineering Architecture.

2.2 The bat survey was required under condition 12 of the original grant of permission in April 2011 where a re-survey was Conditioned if Development did not begin within 12 months.

2.3 Condition 13 requires the placement of the artificial Bat Roost, which still has to be negotiated.

2.4 This document clears the organization of condition 12 on the original grant of permission, and complies with European, and UK Legislation

2.5 Accompanying photographs as evidence.

		
All relevant spaces were searched	Crawl spaces were available	Bird remains were found
		
Bird droppings and wasp nursery	The SNCI at the rear. Foraging bats emerged from here	Soffits and roof were well maintained.

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