

# **Protected Species Survey:**

## **Bats**

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## **A) Bat Survey**

### **A1) Views of Site:**

#### **Rear of Site**



#### **Front of Site**



### **A2) Site Description:**

The site is a former club house in the village of Seascale. It measures approximately 26 x 8 metres and 3.5 metres to the guttering. It is built with wooden sheets coated with concrete render onto a wooden framework and has tight fitting metal window frames. It has a flat felted roof. The building is in a state of disrepair and has asbestos throughout.

#### **A3) Habitat Description:**

The site faces in a north westerly direction into the car park. The south western corner joins onto a more modern club house. The site and club house are surrounded by houses of a differing age and construction, these have small gardens with scattered semi-mature deciduous trees.

### **A4) Details of proposed works:**

It is understood the site is to be demolished and replaced with a slightly larger building.

## **A5) Survey:**

### **A5.1) Timing and Weather conditions:**

The survey was conducted on the 17th of October 2022 by Mr. John Temple.

### **A5.2) Constraints:**

Due to the presence of asbestos, it was not possible to enter the building.

### **A5.3) Results:**

No signs of bats were found and no access points were available for use by bats and therefore there was no potential bat habitat.

## **A6) Mitigation Strategy:**

Although no signs of bats were found at the site, great care must be taken when work commences.

If bats are seen or suspected then work must stop and further advice be sought from the acting Consultant.

## **A7) Summary:**

Prior to an application for building works, a survey for bats was commissioned.

It is the surveyor's opinion that bats are not using this site. No signs of bats were found and no access points were available for use by bats and therefore there was no potential bat habitat

## **B) Additional Information:**

### **B1) Bats and their requirements**

All British bats and their roosts are afforded protection under the 1981 Wildlife & Countryside Act (as amended) and are listed under Annex IV of the Habitats Directive as in need of protection. PPS9 acts as a guide to local authorities in relation to wildlife issues where developments may affect protected species and how conservation and any appropriate mitigation measures should be implemented. Furthermore where the presence of a European protected species (all British bats) may be affected by development then a licence to derogate from the Habitats Directive, 1994 Regulations would be required from the Department of Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA). Licences are processed by DEFRA and issued in consultation with English Nature, the statutory body for nature conservation.

A bat roost may be defined in several ways:

- a) Summer breeding roost.
- b) Hibernation roost.
- c) Transitional or temporary roost.

As bats have a variety of roost sites that fulfil different requirements at different times of the year, and these sites are returned to regularly, then the roost is protected even if the bats are not present. Roost selection is often closely correlated to suitable foraging habitat within a reasonable commuting distance from the roost and different sites are used depending upon insect densities and abundance. Climatic conditions can also affect their ability to successfully forage. All British bats are insectivorous.

### **B2) Background to activity**

Prior to an application for building works, a survey for bats was commissioned.

### **B3) Pre-existing information on species at site**

The Multi Agency Geographic Information for the Countryside (MAGIC) website was accessed to identify any granted protected species mitigation licenses within 1000m of the site – No licenses have been granted in this area.

### **B4) Status of species in the local/regional area**

*Pipistrellus pygmaeus* (soprano pipistrelle), *Pipistrellus pipistrellus* (common pipistrelle), *Plecotus auritus* (brown long-eared bat), *Myotis daubentonii* (Daubenton's bat), are common and widespread; *Myotis mystacinus* (whiskered bat), *Myotis brandtii* (Brant's bat), *Myotis nattereri* (Natterer's bat), are widespread and scarce; *Nyctalus noctula* (noctule) is widespread and frequent.

### **B5) Objective of survey**

The objective of the survey was to ascertain whether there were any signs of use of the site by bats. Signs of bats include: droppings, insect remains, wear marks from egress points, or the presence of bats. Areas that have potential for bats to roost in but no actual signs of bats or are inaccessible to survey are also noted.

### **B6) Survey area**

The survey area was the site as described above.

## **B7) Field Survey:**

### **B7.1) Methods**

The site was surveyed using a high-powered torch and ladders. Crevices were examined externally for droppings, the presence of bats or potential for use by bats using an endoscope where needed.

## **B8) Interpretations and evaluation**

### **B8.1) Presence/ Absence**

No signs of bats were found.

### **B8.2) Population size class assessment**

N/a

### **B8.3) Site status assessment**

There were no access points available for use by bats and therefore no potential bat habitat.

## **B9) Impact Assessment**

### **B9.1) Pre- and mid- activity impacts**

N/a

### **B9.2) Post activity interference impacts**

N/a

### **B9.3) Summary of impacts at the site level**

No negative impacts are envisaged.

### **B9.4) Summary of impacts on a wider context**

No negative impacts are envisaged.

## **B10) Mitigation**

### **B10.1) Replacement roost site selection**

N/a

### **B10.2) Existing species status**

N/a

## **B11) Location, ownership and status**

The site is located at The Old Clubhouse at Windscale Club, Gosforth Road, Seascale. CA20 1PJ. The Survey was carried out on behalf of Shackles Off, Youth & Community Project.

## **B12) Capture and exclusion**

### **B12.1) Timing, effort, methods, capture/exclusion methods**

N/a

## **B13) Post development safeguard**

### **B13.1) Habitat management and safeguard**

N/a

### **B13.2) Population monitoring**

N/a

### **B13.3) Mechanism for ensuring delivery**

Condition of planning consent.