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Miss Tiffanie Blair,
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Dear Tiffanie

Re: Initial Inspection of Buildings Q & H, West Cumberland Infirmary

Further to your request S.A.P Ecology & Environmental completed a brief assessment of buildings 'Q & H' at West Cumberland Hospital (Grid reference: NX 98890 16057). Our understanding is that these two buildings may form part of the hospital's redevelopment, however exact plans are not yet known. Works, if they are going to proceed, will be in approximately 3 – 5 years' time.

The two buildings in question are currently in use by the hospital and are both of very different construction. From initial views, building H is of brick and render construction, with a flat roof, accessible roof top plant room and lower level extension. For full assessment to be carried out internal access will be needed along with access to the roof.



Plate 1: Building H

Building Q is a structure of two heights with what appears to be two separate roof spaces. This building recorded a tiled roof and concrete ridge. Full internal access, including access to both attic spaces will be required in order to provide a full assessment.



Plate 2: Building Q

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Recommendations

Prior to planned works commencing a full internal and external inspection should be carried out on buildings Q and H. Depending upon the results of the building assessments, further survey may be required in the form of activity surveys to confirm if bats are roosting within either building. Bat roosts have been recorded on site within 200m of buildings Q & H.

Bat surveys are only valid for an 18-month period, therefore I would suggest waiting until the trusts plans are confirmed before commissioning full surveys. Once details have been confirmed, with proposed dates/years of work please allow one year previous for surveys to be completed.

Please note that the building assessments can be carried out at any time of year, however the activity surveys can only be completed during the months of May – September.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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