

Good evening [REDACTED]

Further to your visit to the property on Tuesday 17th June, we decided that we ought to do some bat watches in order to gather further information in relation to the PRA.

As the weather was ideal, we decided to sit out each of the following evenings, Wed 18th - Sat 21st June to do bat emergence watches. Observations were made between 20.00 and 23.00pm each evening to look out for any bats emerging from the property or the houses around but none were seen. Neither were any seen foraging in the vicinity, along the hedgerow to the rear or flying around and between the houses, as has been observed in the past.

On Thursday and Saturday mornings we were up very early to do a dawn re-entry watch. We sat out between 04.00 and 6.30am. I sat on the garage roof to observe the front and my wife was stationed in the garden to watch the rear.

Nothing was seen either at the front or the rear.

These observations confirmed my earlier assertion that there isn't a bat presence on or around the property.

Co-incidentally, we were discussing the 'Bat problem' with a friend, that lives nearby on the same road, during the weekend. She often sits out in the garden quite late in the evening and commented that she hadn't seen any bats for a long time, recalling that the last time she remembered seeing a single bat was early last year.

These observations, my earlier searches and this comment strengthens my opinion that there isn't a bat presence to be considered when assessing the project for planning permission.

I shall also be contacting the Council Planners to ask why roofing contractors were able to strip and replace the roof coverings on at least three houses and a bungalow in the same street without having bat roost assessments when they insist one for any planning application involving roof work.

I have attached a Word document in which I have noted some observations from,

Bat Survey Guidelines 4th Edition Q & A document

Bats and the Law - Bat Conservation Trust

and, final comments from recent PRAs completed for properties in the same area.

I'd be obliged if you would take a minute to read and take note of these observations.

Thank you

Best wishes

Gordon Davies