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Dear Jessica,

Springfields, Spencers Wood – Note of Endoscopic Inspection

Following the Preliminary Roost Assessment (PRA) for bats undertaken on the 21st January 2026 (Ref: R32719_UpdPRA_a), I write to confirm that we have completed a follow-up endoscopic inspection at Springfields in Spencers Wood, as recommended.

The survey was completed on the 9th February 2026 by Vicky Potts MCIEEM - registered under Natural England Bat Survey Class Licence CL18 (Registration no.: 2025-85632-CL18-BAT) = and assisted by Jake Morgan registered under Natural England Bat Survey Class Licence CL17 (Registration no.: 2025-85343-CL17-BAT). The survey comprised an endoscopic inspection of the feature identified between the roof tiles towards the south western end of the rear roof elevations, which offered low potential suitability for opportunistic use by individual crevice dwelling bats. The survey was undertaken using a ladder and a Teslong NTS500 video endoscope to check the feature for suitability for bats and for any evidence of the presence of bats i.e. bat droppings. The lead flashing behind the chimney and gaps between the soffit and brickwork, were also checked with a high-powered torch and/or the endoscope.

On close inspection under the lifted lead flashing and soffit box, the features showed no evidence of bats or activity by bats. The gap at the south western gable end had been filled with sealant since the previous survey, however, this was confirmed to be heavily cobwebbed and of limited extent with timber visible behind the gap during the PRA and would have also lead directly into the roof void which showed no evidence of use by bats (**Photographs 1 & 2**). The gap behind the chimney and where there was crumbling mortar at the northeastern gable end was shown to be of limited extent as the gaps did not lead to any crevices and were superficial. Several gaps under the verge roof tiles were checked with an endoscope and were confirmed to be of limited extent as the tiles were interlocking and the gaps did not lead to any larger crevices or sheltering opportunities (**Photographs 3 & 4**). There was no access into the void, and the gaps were able to be fully inspected; no evidence of bats or activity by bats was observed and the features were considered to be of negligible suitability.

Therefore, the proposed construction of a second-storey extension is considered highly unlikely to result in the death, injury or disturbance of bats; the damage or destruction of a bat roost; or the obstruction of access to a bat roost. As such, a European Protected Species (EPS) mitigation licence would not be required for the planned works to go ahead lawfully.

No further mitigation or monitoring for bats is required.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,



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Photograph 1.



Photograph 2.



Photograph 3.



Photograph 4.



Photograph 5.

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