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23/503403/FULL - 11A Beaconsfield Road Tovil Maidstone Kent ME15 6RU

This letter is to confirm that a site visit was carried out on 12th December 2023 by Katia Bresso CEnv MCIEEM, a qualified professional consultant ecologist with over 20 years of experience, who undertook the initial survey work at the site in 2022.

The focus was two attached outbuildings which had not been surveyed in 2022. A visual examination of the external and internal areas of these outbuildings was undertaken. This consisted of a ground level visual inspection using a bright torch (Cluson CB1 Clubman Standard High Power, 500,000 candle power). Cracks and holes were inspected using an endoscope or night vision scope where needed. The purpose of the survey was to look for signs of bats such as droppings, urine staining, marking around entrance/exit holes and any animals; and to note any potential roosting locations and access points. The latter is important because signs of bats are frequently not present; for example, they can be washed off external surfaces by wind and rain and are often not visible where bats roost in crevices such as gaps between tiles and boarding or felt, behind weatherboarding, holes in brickwork, timbers and similar.

No bats nor signs of bats were found during the internal/external inspection of the outbuildings. They were both judged as offering negligible suitability for roosting bats, being of single skin construction with no suitable cavities (block/brick walls, corrugated tin/fibre cement roof sheets).

The demolition of these outbuildings would have no impact onto roosting bats and thus no further work is recommended for these species.

I remain at disposal for any further information concerning these matters.

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