Bat Presence / Absence Survey

Buildings and Trees

At

William Ellis School, Highgate Road, London, NW5 1RN



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Executive Summary

A thorough survey, both external and using ultrasonic detection equipment with data analysis, was made of the buildings scheduled for alteration by experienced ecologists. The proposals include the addition of a seating area and surface alteration of the frontage of the site, and the enclosing of a central courtyard.

The external building inspection identified a number of possible ingress/ egress points for bats, these observations were used to guide the ultrasonic surveys at dawn and dusk.

A single dusk emergence and dawn re-entry survey was undertaken. The survey results concluded bat commuting and infrequent foraging activity across the frontage of the school and along the Eastern boundary. In addition to this the South Western corner of the site recorded frequent foraging by Common Pipistrelle (*Pipistrellus pipistrellus*) and occasional Soprano Pipistrelle (*Pipistrellus pygmaeus*) bats.

At no time during the surveys were bats observed entering or leaving any of the buildings or trees on site, all recordings and subsequent screenshots (Appendix 3) were taken from the Anabat placed on site.

Based on the results of the surveys the following recommendations have been made:

- 1. Bat and bird boxes are required within the new development design wherever possible, located on or integrated into the buildings. In this instance, 4 x Bat boxes will be included within the new development design on buildings and wherever possible, on retained trees. Boxes must be situated between 4m and 6m above ground level, with entrances facing North, South-east and South-west to allow for use all year round. Assistance will be engaged from an ecologist in the design and location of bird / bat boxes. A suitable planting scheme is also required, including native and species beneficial to wildlife with native trees and shrubs used to landscape areas surrounding all buildings.
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1.0 Introduction

1.1 Background

This report details the results of a Bat Presence/ Absence Survey of all buildings and trees at William Ellis School, Highgate Road, London.

The survey was undertaken to determine whether bats were using these buildings and trees as roosts and was carried out on behalf of Astudio Ltd.

The site is centered at Ordnance Survey Grid Reference TQ 282 860.



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1.2 <u>Site Description</u>

The site consists of a tree lined entrance drive which leads to a school complex with outside play areas and enclosed landscaped courtyards. The buildings on the site are of differing ages and heights with multi storey additions. There are a number of mature trees along the frontage of the site and overhang the site from the adjoining open space. The site is located to the south and east of a large urban park and with a large residential complex to the east and another school to the south. The main building has a large brick and tile facade with large areas of flat roofs behind. The building has been added to over time with a series of new and infill buildings towards the western boundary of the site. The site adjoins another school to the south with a residential area opposite to the east and the large area of open space of Hampstead Heath to the north and west of the site.

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1.3 **Scope of Survey and Limitations**

We have been advised that the buildings on site and the surrounding hard landscaping will be altered and additions added to the school to add further facilities to the school. The scope of the report is to assess the presence/ absence of bats within these parts of the buildings and make recommendations based upon the findings of the survey. It was not possible to access some loft areas as these have been sealed and the majority of the roof area is flat with only external access. In addition, any trees deemed suitable for roosting bats were given a visual assessment from ground level.

Bats are highly mobile in their nature and may only use buildings at certain times of the year that favour a particular part of their roosting, maternity and hibernating requirements.

2.0 Legislation

2.1 **Planning and Biodiversity**

Local Authorities have a requirement to consider biodiversity under the following European legislation:

- Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act (2006);
- The Habitats Directive (EC directive 92/43/EEC);
- Environmental Impact Assessment (85/337/EEC as amended by directive 09/31/EC);
- Strategic Environmental Assessment (2001/42/EEC);
- The Environment Act (1995).

Section 40 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 (the NERC Act) places a legal duty on public bodies, including planning authorities, to 'have regard' to the conservation of biodiversity when carrying out their normal functions, which includes consideration of planning applications.

In compliance with Section 41 of the NERC Act, the Secretary of State has published a list of species and habitats considered to be of principal importance for conserving biodiversity in England under the UK Post-2010 Biodiversity Framework. This is known as the England Biodiversity Priority (EBP) list, previously referred to as Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP), of which there are 56 habitats and 943 species (Natural England, 2014). Seven bat species are EBP species; these are Barbastelle, Bechstein's, Brown Long-eared, Greater Horseshoe, Lesser Horseshoe, Noctule and Soprano Pipistrelle. The EBP list is used to guide planning authorities in implementing their duty under the NERC Act.

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Local Authorities must also have regard for the following national planning policies:

- National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (DCLG, 2012);
- ODPM Circular 06/2005 (Defra Circular 01/2005);
- ODPM (March 2006) Planning for Biodiversity and Geological Conservation.

In addition, all bat species are currently listed on Greater London BAP.

2.2 Bat Legislation

All species of bat and their breeding sites or resting places (roosts) are protected under Schedule 2 of The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 and Section 9 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended). It is an offence for anyone intentionally to kill, injure or handle a bat, to possess a bat (whether live or dead), disturb a roosting bat, or sell or offer a bat for sale without a licence. It is also an offence to damage, destroy or obstruct access to any place used by bats for shelter, whether they are present or not (*Natural England*, 2014).

A roost is protected whether or not bats are present and any activity or works affecting a roost, even when bats are absent, is likely to be subject to the relevant licence procedure with Natural England.

This legislation makes it is an offence either deliberately or recklessly to:

- possess or control any live or dead specimens;
- destroy, damage or obstruct access to any bat roost, or place used for shelter, protection or breeding;
- disturb a bat using such place ('disturbing' a bat can include simply entering its roost and as such the appropriate licence should be held prior to doing so).

Such offences are punishable with a maximum fine is £5,000 per incident or per bat, up to six months in prison, and forfeiture of items used to commit the offence, e.g. vehicles, plant, machinery.

3.0 Survey Methodology

3.1 Desk Study

A desk study was undertaken to locate all known bat records within a 1km radius of the site using data requested from the Greenspace Information for Greater London (GiGL) and the London Bat Group.

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3.2 Weather Conditions and Timing

To comply with national Best Practice Guidelines (Hundt 2012) bat activity surveys should be carried out in dry weather as bats may not leave their roost site if it is raining heavily, making any survey results suspect. Bat activity surveys should be carried out between May and September and winter hibernation surveys between October and April. The months can vary a little, depending on seasonal and geographic variations.

3.3 Personnel

During the survey effort a total of 4 surveyors were used; all surveyors have been appropriately trained and have had at least three full seasons bat surveying experience.

Personnel used on all surveys are as follows:

Paul Hiscocks (Senior Ecologist) (NE Bat Licence CLS001868): Over 10 years' experience with bats, extensive experience in surveying all types of habitat for bats and mitigation including numerous mitigation licences held for exclusion and roost destruction.

Phillip May (Ecologist): Over 20 years' experience as an ecologist and over 15 years work with various bat species and studies into migration over water.

Jonathan Jones (Assistant Ecologist): over 5 years' experience in bat surveying using both heterodyne and Anabat survey equipment.

Victoria Telford (Graduate Ecologist): 4 years' experience in bat surveying using both heterodyne and Anabat survey equipment.

3.4 Internal/ External Building Inspections

A walkover survey of the site and detailed visual inspection of the exterior and interior of the buildings was undertaken to evaluate bat roost potential of the buildings and to locate suitable ingress / egress points that bats could use to fly into the buildings and use areas within to roost. The external inspections were carried out from ground level using a Clulite CB2 1,000,000 candle power torch, Bushnell Nature view Close Focusing 10x42 Roof Prism Binoculars, and a Sony Cyber-Shot 14.1 Mega Pixel camera and where appropriate a Rigid Seesnake Micro Inspection Camera Mk II CA-100 was used to examine inaccessible cavities and a Flir i5 Lightweight Thermal Imaging Camera to check for heat sources (roosting bats).

The internal inspections were carried out using a Clulite CB2 1,000,000 candle power torch, Rigid Seesnake Micro Inspection Camera Mk II CA-100 where necessary, to examine inaccessible cavities, a

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Sony Cyber-Shot 14.1 Mega Pixel camera for photographs and a Flir i5 Lightweight Thermal Imaging Camera to check for heat sources (Roosting Bats). The following features were the main focal points of the surveys:

- Bats and or bat corpses;
- Droppings, staining and remains of feeding debris;
- Externally: access points such as displaced/missing tiles and ridge tiles, holes in walls, windows
 or woodwork; and
- Internally: potential roosting points such as cracks and crevices in the structural layout.

3.5 <u>Tree Assessment</u>

All trees deemed large enough to support roosting bats (>300 mm ABH) were observed from ground level to assess their potential to support roosting bats. This involved:

- Using close-focussing binoculars, Clulite (1,000,000 cp) and a Seesnake Endoscope with recorder where necessary, to inspect the tree from the ground to the canopy, and inspecting all aspects of the tree where possible;
- looking for features indicative of bat roosts including, natural holes, Woodpecker holes, cracks/splits in major limbs, loose bark, hollows/cavities, dense epicormic growth and bird and bat boxes if present; and
- listening for bats making audible social calls from roosts in trees.

3.6 <u>Dusk Surveys (Emergence Survey)</u>

The object of dusk surveys was to detect active bat use of the site and possible exit from buildings at points identified during the daytime inspection; this involved:-

- being at the site 15 minutes before sunset and approximately 2 hours after;
- using heterodyne, frequency division and time expansion detectors; additionally, recordings were made using four passive Anabat SD2 detectors left on continuous recording; and
- standing at different vantage points around the buildings (no more than 50m separation), using the bat detectors and attempting to see bats emerging from buildings.

3.7 <u>Dawn Surveys (Re-Entry Survey)</u>

The object of dawn surveys was to detect bats returning to possible roost sites from their night of foraging. Bats tend to swarm around their roost entrance for a period of time before going into the roost, which helps in identifying roost locations; this involved:-

- being at the site 1 ½ hours before sunrise;
- use of bat detectors as (3.4 above); and
- observation for swarming bats around the buildings.

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3.8 Site Status Assessment

Based on the internal / external inspection and emergence survey results, structures with evidence of bats have been assessed to determine which of the following categories they fall into, if any (Hundt, 2012):

- Night roost (March-November) used by bats as roosts other than traditional day roosts to rest in during the night. May be used by a single individual on occasion or regularly by an entire colony;
- Day roost (March-November) used by bats during the day to rest in, often by males. Bats
 may regularly use a number of days roosts or the same site for several weeks;
- Transitional roost (April-September/October) used by a few individuals or occasionally small groups of bats on waking from hibernation or in the period prior to hibernation;
- **Feeding roost (May-November)** can be occupied by a single bat or a few individuals to an entire colony to feed, shelter from the weather or to rest temporarily;
- Maternity roost (May-August) used by breeding females, where babies are born and raised to independence. Adult males rarely found here;
- Satellite roost (May-August) used by a few individuals to small groups of breeding females as alternative roost sites in close proximity to maternity roosts;
- **Swarming sites (August-November)** where large numbers of bats from several species gather, generally around caves and mines;
- Mating roost (September-November) established by males of some species to display/call
 to females to mate;
- **Hibernation roost (October-March)** where bats may be found during the winter. They vary greatly in terms of the number of individuals and diversity of species using them.

The roost assessment criteria in Appendix 4 were then used to ascertain the importance of any roosts present.

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4.0 Results: Desk-based Assessment

Bat records within a 1km radius of the application site were obtained from the Greenspace Information for Greater London (GiGL) and the London Bat Group.

Species	Scientific Name	Grid Ref (SD)	Source	Date
Common Pipistrelle	Pipistrellus pipistrellus	TQ287 867	LBG	2010
		TQ276 857	LBG	2010
		16 records, closest 162m SW	GiGL	1993-2006
Pipistrelle	Pipistrellus sp.	TQ274 859	LBG	2006
		TQ285 868	LBG	2005
		TQ274 861	LBG	2000
		26 records, closest 162 SW	GiGL	1985-2005
Soprano Pipistrelle	Pipistrellus pygmeaus	6 records, closest 280m SE	GiGL	1996-2002
Bat species	Vespertilionidae	835m SE	GiGL	2004
		864m NW	GiGL	1985
Mouse-eared Bat	Myotis sp.	977m W x 4	GiGL	2005
Daubentons Bat	Myotis daubentonii	20 records, closest 368m NW	GiGL	1993-2005
Natterers Bat	Myotis Nattereri	864m	GiGL	2001
		942m NW x 2	GiGL	1996-2001
Nyctalus	Nyctalus sp.	280m SE	GiGL	2002
Lesser Noctule	Nyctalus leisleri	280m SE	GiGL	2002
Noctule	Nyctalus noctula	19 records, closest 368m NW	GiGL	1985-2009

Table 1: Bat Species Desktop Records

4.1 Review of Desk Based Assessment Data.

The above desk based assessment shows the closest record of bat activity within 1km of the site was in 2006 for Common Pipistrelle bat record approximately 160m SSW of the site, this is within the Hampstead heath park. The newest records of 2010 (TQ287 867) and (TQ276 857), are to the north of the site some 400m to the north from an area of open space and to the south 300m within Hampstead heath.

Consequently viewing aerial photography of the area the surround area of the site has a large area of open space and a mixture of residential tower blocks and a local hospital, as the site contains significant number of trees the site has a potential for supporting foraging and providing a suitable commuting route.

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5.0 Results: Survey

5.1 Weather Conditions

Survey times, temperatures and weather conditions are detailed below. At all times, weather conditions were conducive to bat survey work.

			Sunset/ rise				Survey Type		Dawn Re-entry	
Date	09/09/2014	Tim	Sunrise 1		9:29	From/ To		19:15	21:15	
	Temperature ºC	Humidity %	Cloud C	over / Oktas	Wind B	ft Scale	Pred	ipitation Y	/N	
Start	18.4°C	58%		2	()		N		
End	17.5°C	65%		3	1((2)		N		

			Sunset/ rise				Survey Type		Dawn Re-entry	
Date	17/09/2014		Time		Sunrise 0	06:38 Fr		om/ To	05:00	06:40
	Temperature °C	Hui	midity %	Cloud C	over / Oktas	Wind B	ft Scale	Pred	ipitation Y	/N
Start	16.7°C		85%		8	0	(1)		N	
End	16.5°C		85%		8	0([1)		N	

5.2 <u>Internal/ External Inspection of the Buildings</u>

External inspection of the building was undertaken to determine their Bat Roost Potential (BRP); these revealed a number of possible ingress/ egress points for bats. The results of the Internal Bat Roost Potential Assessment of the building are included in Appendix 2, together with the Bat Roost Potential rating for the building.

The results of the external inspection were used to help focus survey effort during the dusk emergence/dawn re-entry surveys.

5.3 <u>Tree Assessment</u>

There are a number of mature trees on the site, confined to the boundaries of the site. The boundary trees are in the most part to be retained and incorporated into the proposed development with only minor works scheduled to take place. However, all of the mature trees on site were assessed for their bat roost potential from ground level prior to any bat survey work taking place and none of the boundary trees were identified to have suitable features associated with roosting bats. At no time were bats observed entering or leaving the tree.

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5.4 <u>Dusk Emergence & Dawn Re-Entry Surveys</u>

Date	From	То	Temp	Weather	Species Recorded	Comment
09/09/14	19:15	21:15	18°C Avg	30% cloud, still, dry	(1), (2), (3)	Intermittent activity from 19:51 around the eastern boundary and along the frontage and western boundary. From 19:52 until the end of the survey constant foraging was recorded in the western boundary. A single common pipistrelle commuted across the centre of the building at 20:35. A Noctule bat was recorded commuting along the tree line at 20:13. Intermediate foraging was recorded along the eastern boundary by common pipistrelle bats.
17/09/14	05:00	06:40	16.5°C Avg	100% cloud, dry, still	(1)	Foraging was recorded on the western boundary with the open space from 05:07until 05:58 by two common pipistrelle bats. Soprano pipistrelle bats were heard occasionally at 05:43 and 05:48. The last common pipistrelle bat was seen at 06:22 heading south west from the site.

Table 2: Bat Survey Summary of Data

- *(1) Common Pipistrelle bat (Pipistrellus pipistrellus)
- (2) Soprano Pipistrelle bat (Pipistrellus pygmaeus)
- (3) Noctule bat (Nyctalus noctula)

5.5 <u>Data Analysis</u>

Ultrasonic survey data was collected throughout the survey period using 4 individually placed Anabat SD2 recording equipment.

One was placed along the western boundary, one at the rear of the building within the play grounds and the third at the frontage of the main building with the fourth within the central courtyard; all recordings were analysed through Analook software.

Species positively identified from a combination of visual sighting, flight patterns and data analysis are recorded within Table 2 above.

6.0 Analysis of Results

During the external survey undertaken on 9th September 2014, a limited number of potential ingress/ egress points were identified within the building. Access was also gained internally, which identified that the majority of the building had a tiled façade along the main frontage and flat roofs behind. Occasional areas of large slate tiles were inspected at the rear of the main building that fronts the playground. No current or historic evidence of roosting bats was found within the building. Additionally, none of the trees on the site contained features suitable to support roosting bats.

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A single dawn re-entry and dusk emergence survey was undertaken to ascertain whether bats were using the buildings as roosts in addition to monitoring foraging/ commuting activity across the site. No bats were observed entering/ exiting the building on the site. Constant foraging by a small number of Common Pipistrelle bats was observed along the western corner of the site adjoining the open space. Occasional foraging and commuting activity by Common and Soprano Pipistrelle bats was recorded and observed along the tree line along the frontage and the adjoin trees on the Eastern boundary. Only single passes of Common and Soprano Pipsitrelle bats was noted within the centre of the site, including a pass by a Noctule (*Nyctalus noctula*) bat along the frontage of the building, adjacent to the mature trees.

Impact Assessment

The development to take place on this site is expected to have a slight negative impact on the commuting activities present in the form of the removal of a few trees along the frontage. The ornamental species present only provide limited foraging opportunity for bats, as observed during the surveys with the majority of the foraging on site around the mature trees to the West and East of the site, giving more shelter and insect activity. The loss of the small area of planted species present centrally on the frontage can easily be offset by an appropriate native planting plan and species suitable and beneficial to other species.

There will be no loss of potential roost sites in trees as no suitable trees are to be felled. Additional bat boxes should be incorporated onto the trees to be retained to offset the lack of suitable tree roosting sites and on the building to provide further alternative roosting opportunities where the buildings have been removed Additionally a suitable lighting scheme should be designed for the exterior lighting to allow areas around the tree boundaries to remain unlit during the hours of darkness; also all exterior lighting should be on a suitable PIR timer only activated by large moving objects (NOT BATS).



7.0 Recommendations

A thorough survey, externally and using ultrasonic detection equipment with data analysis, was made of the buildings and trees scheduled for removal at William Ellis School, Highgate Road, London by experienced ecologists.

The main building on the site being considered for alteration is classified as having Low Bat Roost Potential (LBRP) with features on the building providing some roost potential in the form of wooden soffits, lifted lead work and displaced tiles. Of the trees on site none was deemed to have suitable characteristics to support roosting bats on the site.

Four experienced surveyors were used for the dusk emergence survey on 9th September 2014 and the dawn re-entry survey on the 17th September 2014 using BatBox Duet Detectors and 4 Anabat SD2 recording devices. During the survey foraging and commuting activity was recorded by Common Pipistrelles (Pipistrellus pipistrellus) and Soprano Pipistrelles (Pipistrellus pygmaeus). At no time were bats seen emerging from the trees or buildings.

Based on the results of the surveys the following recommendations have been made:

- Bat and bird boxes are required within the new development design wherever possible, located on or integrated into the buildings. In this instance, 4 x Bat boxes will be included within the new development design on buildings and wherever possible, on retained trees. Boxes must be situated between 4m and 6m above ground level, with entrances facing North, South-east and South-west to allow for use all year round. Assistance will be engaged from an ecologist in the design and location of bird / bat boxes. A suitable planting scheme is also required, including native and species beneficial to wildlife with native trees and shrubs used to landscape areas surrounding all buildings.
- 2. A suitable lighting scheme will be incorporated to prevent light pollution into the garden areas after dark with suitable PIR timers only activated by large moving objects (NOT BATS).

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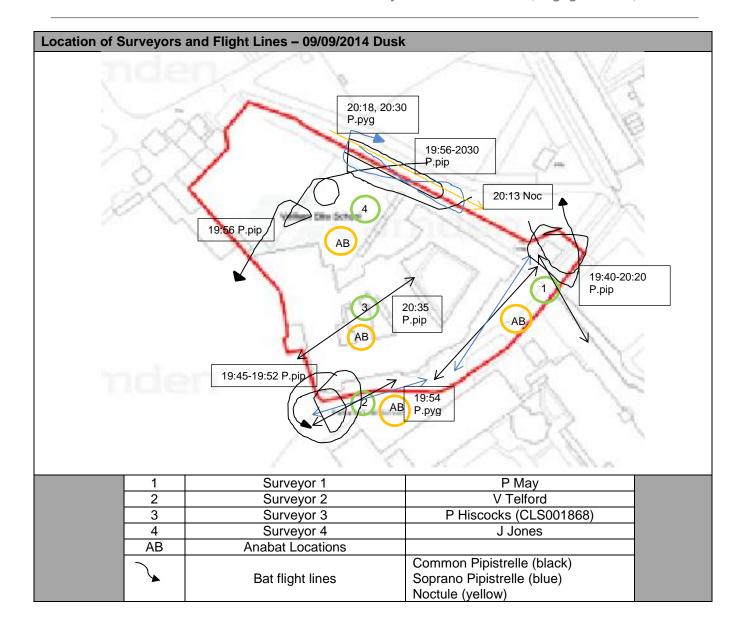
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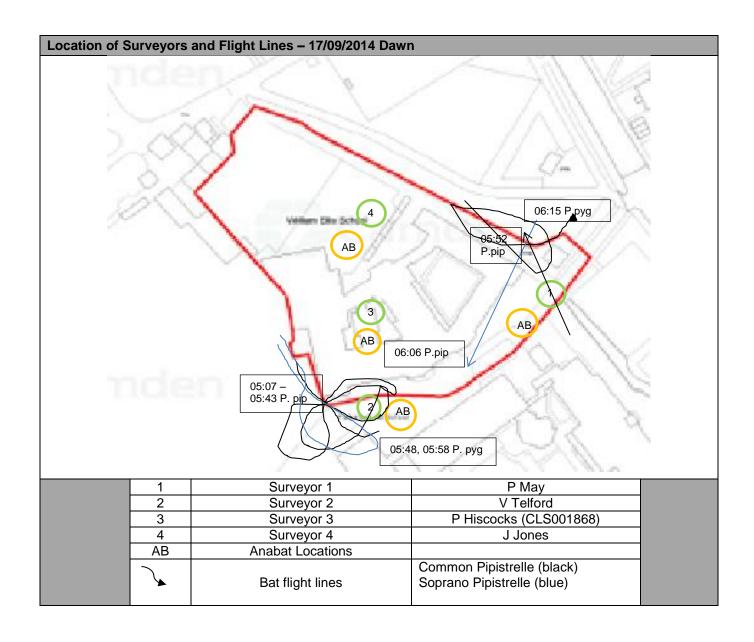
Surveyor Location and Flight Lines





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Bat Roost Potential Assessment Results of Buildings With Building Layout.



Surveyor	Phillip May	Case Ref	E0508141317
Site Address	William Ellis School, Highgate Road, London	Survey Date	09/09/14
Building Type	School	Roof Shape	Multi-Pitched and flat roofed
Approximate Construction Date	c. 1910 – frequent and modern extensions	Roof Cover	Clay tiles, waterproof membrane.
Number of Stories	3	Roof Condition	Clay tiles are rounded and do not interconnect fully leaving suitable entrance gaps underneath. Despite this the roof is generally in good condition.
Number of Chimneys	2	Soffits & Condition	Some gaps are present, but overall few gaps.
Walls & Condition	All in excellent condition	Windows & Condition	Mixture of Wooden frames with PVC replacements – all in relatively good condition.
Signs of Bats	None	BRP	Low Bat Roost Potential (LBRP)

Additional comments: the roof area has large area of flat sections. Part of the rear section has hanging tiles Building Plan





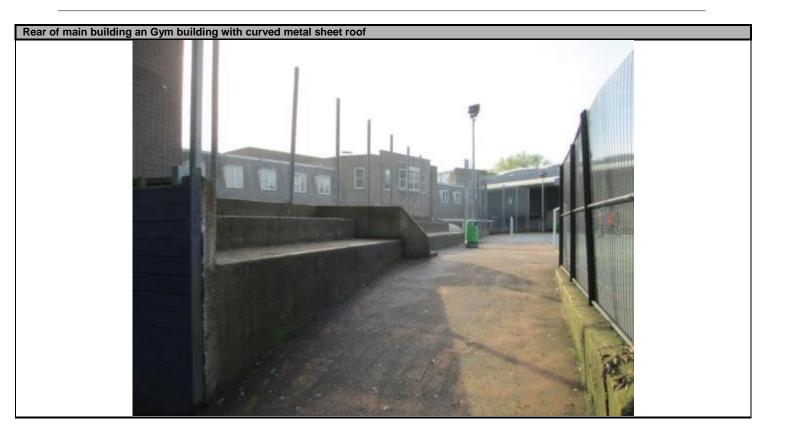


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Tree Bat Roost Potential Assessment Results

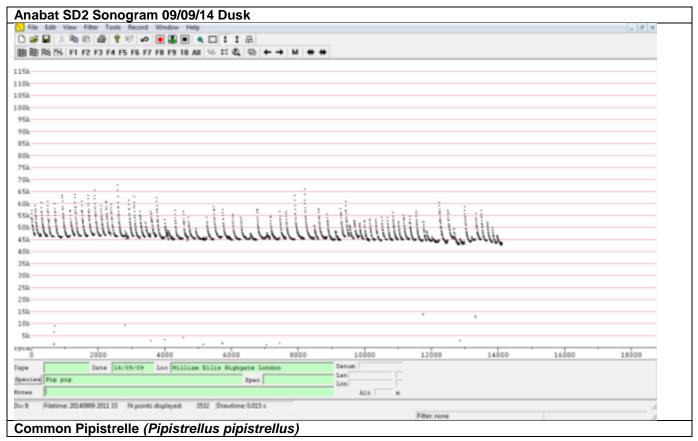


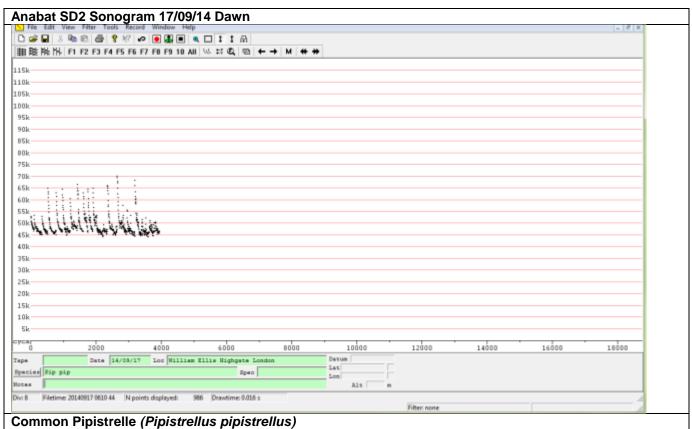
Individual multi stemmed trees to be removed. None have any feature that could be used by bats



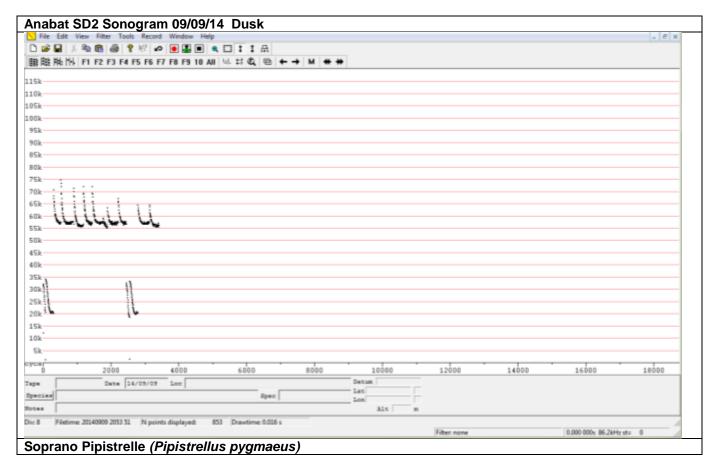
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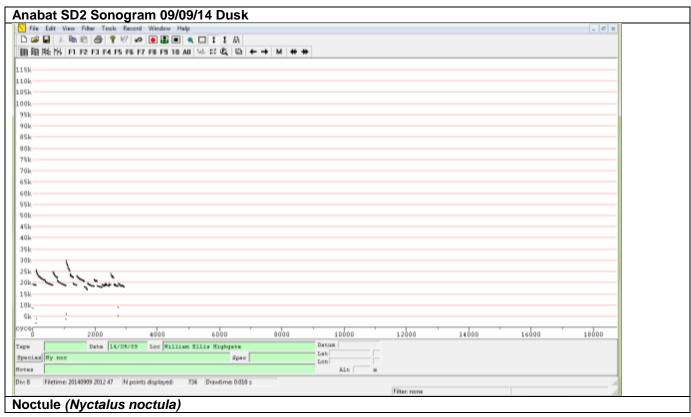














Roost Assessment Criteria



Table 1: Categorisation of Bats by National Rarity (From Wray et al., 2007)

Rarity Within Range	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
Common (population	Common Pipistrelle	Common Pipistrelle	Common Pipistrelle	Common Pipistrelle
over 100,000)	Soprano Pipistrelle	Soprano Pipistrelle	Soprano Pipistrelle	Soprano Pipistrelle
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Following the above framework for valuing bats in Ecological Impact Assessment set out by Wray et al. (2007), the site's bat roosts were each assigned a value, based on roost type and species rarity, using a geographic frame of reference (see Table 2 below).

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Table 2: Roost Valuation System (From Wray et al., 2007)

Geographic Frame of Reference	Roost Types
District, Local or Parish	Feeding perches (common species)
	Individual bats (common species)
	Small numbers of non-breeding bats (common species)
	Mating sites (common species)
County	Maternity sites (common species)
	Small numbers of hibernating bats (common and rarer species)
	Feeding perches (rarer/rarest species)
	Individual bats (rarer/rarest species)
	Small numbers of non-breeding bats (rarer/rarest species)
Regional	Mating sites (rarer/rarest species) including well-used swarming sites
	Maternity sites (rarer species)
	Hibernation sites (rarest species)
	Significant hibernation sites
National/UK	Maternity sites (rarest species)
	Sites meeting SSSI (Sites of Special Scientific Interest) guidelines
International	SAC sites (Special Areas for Conservation)



Bats and Lighting





BATS AND LIGHTING IN THE UK Bats and the Built Environment Series

This document is aimed at lighting engineers, lighting designers, planning officers, developers, bat workers and anyone specifying lighting. It is intended to raise awareness of the impacts of lighting on bats and mitigation is suggested for various scenarios. It also offers an explanation of the facts associated with the lighting industry for the benefit of bat workers.

This is a working document and as such the information contained will be updated in line with advances in our knowledge both into the impact on bats and also to reflect the advances in technology available in the lighting industry.

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ABOUT BATS - FOR THE LIGHTING INDUSTRY

General Ecology

Bats are the only true flying mammals. Like us, they are warm-blooded, give birth and suckle their young. They are also long-lived, intelligent and have a complex social life. In Britain there are 17 species, all of which are small (most weigh less than a £1 coin) and eat insects.

Bats have evolved a number of unusual features, mainly connected with their ability to fly. Their wings are formed from a web of highly elastic skin stretched over greatly elongated finger bones, the legs and tail, though their thumbs remain free to help them cling on when roosting. Bats have also developed a highly sophisticated echolocation system that allows them to avoid obstacles and catch tiny insects, which they seize in flight or pick off water, the ground or foliage, even in complete darkness. When they're flying, bats produce a stream of high-pitched calls and listen to the echoes to produce a sound picture of their surroundings.

Some bats specialise in catching large insects such as beetles or moths but others eat large numbers of very small insects, such as gnats, midges and mosquitoes. Bats gather to feed wherever there are lots of insects, so the best places for them include traditional pasture, woodland, marshes, ponds and slow moving rivers.

During the winter there are relatively few insects available, so bats hibernate. In September and October they put on weight and then, as the weather gets colder, they seek out appropriate sheltered roosts, let their body temperature drop to close to that of their surroundings and slow their heart rate to only a few beats per minute. This greatly reduces their energy requirements so that their food reserves last as long as possible. Bats don't hibernate right through the winter but may wake up and go out to feed on mild evenings when insects are active.

During the spring and summer period female bats gather together into maternity colonies for a few weeks to give birth and rear their young (called pups). Usually only one pup is born each year. This is looked after carefully and suckled for between four and six weeks until it is old enough to fly out and hunt for itself. Bats don't build nests and don't bring food back to the roost to feed their young, so the baby lives only on its mother's milk until it is old enough to fly. Once the baby is independent, the colony breaks up and the bats generally move to other roosts. Bats may gather together from a large area to form these maternity roosts, so any disaster at the summer breeding site can affect the whole colony of bats from a wide surrounding area. Many of these maternity sites are used every summer as bats have a strong tradition of returning to the same site year after year.

Legal Protection of bats

Due to the decline in bat numbers, all species of bat are protected by the Wildlife & Countryside Act (1981) (as amended) and the Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 1994 (as amended). This makes it illegal to: kill, injure, capture or disturb bats, obstruct access to bat roosts or damage/destroy bat roosts. Lighting in the vicinity of a bat roost causing disturbance could constitute an offence, so it is important that Natural England, Countryside Council for Wales, Scottish Natural Heritage or Environment and Heritage Service, Northern Ireland is consulted and allowed time to provide advice on lighting proposals in the vicinity of bats and roosts.

Impacts on bats

Roosts

Illuminating a bat roost creates disturbance and may cause the bats to desert the roost. Light falling on a roost access point will at least delay bats from emerging and this shortens the amount of time available to them for foraging. As the main peak of nocturnal insect abundance occurs at and soon after dusk, a delay in emergence means this vital time for feeding is missed.

Insects and foraging

In addition to causing disturbance to bats at the roost, artificial lighting can also affect the feeding behaviour of bats. There are two aspects to this. One is the attraction that light from certain types of lamps has to a range of insects; the other is the presence of lit conditions.

Many night flying species of insect are attracted to light, especially those lamps that emit an ultra-violet component and particularly if it is a single light source in a dark area. As well as moths a range of other insects can be attracted to light such as craneflies, midges and lacewings. Studies have shown that, although noctules, Leisler's, serotine and pipistrelle bats swarm around white mercury street lights (this would also apply to metal halide) feeding on the insects attracted to the light, this behaviour is not true for all bat species. The slower flying broad winged species such as long-eared bats, *Myotis* species (which include Brandt's, whiskered, Daubenton's, Natterer's and Bechstein's), Barbastelle and greater and lesser horseshoe bats generally avoid street lights. In addition it is also thought that insects are attracted to lit areas from further afield. This is thought to result in adjacent habitats supporting reduced numbers of insects. This is a further impact on the ability of the light avoiding bats to be able to feed. It is noticeable that most of Britain's rarest bats are among those species listed as avoiding light. Clearly, effective mitigation where there is potential for impact on bats has importance in the conservation of these species.

Artificial lighting is thought to increase the chances of bats being preyed upon. Many avian predators will hunt bats which may be one reason why bats avoid flying in the day. Observations have been made of kestrels (diurnal raptors) hunting at night under the artificial light along motorways.

Lighting can be particularly harmful if used along river corridors, near woodland edges and near hedgerows used by bats. In mainland Europe, in areas where there are foraging or 'commuting' bats, stretches of road are left unlit or lighting is designed in such a way as to avoid isolation of bat colonies.

Other behaviours

Artificial lighting disrupts the normal 24-hour pattern of light and dark which is likely to affect the natural behaviour of bats. Bright light may reduce social flight activity and cause bats to move away from the light area. Studies have shown that continuous lighting along roads creates barriers which some bat species cannot cross. For example, Daubenton's bats move their flight paths to avoid street lamps. The following images indicate possible scenarios where bats' commuting routes may cross a road. They are linear features such as tree lines, river corridors, hedgerows or where tree canopies form a link over the road.



ABOUT THE LIGHTING – FOR BAT WORKERS

Types of lights in use

A range of lighting equipment is available:

- 1) **Low pressure sodium lamps (SOX)** (typical orange lamps seen along roadsides). Light is emitted at one wavelength, contains no ultraviolet (UV) light and has a low attraction to insects. The lamps tend to be large which makes it more difficult to focus the light from these lamps. These are in the gradual process of being removed or replaced.
- 2) **High pressure sodium lamps (SON)** (brighter pinkish-yellow lamps). Commonly used as road lighting. Light is emitted over a moderate band of long wavelengths including a small UV component. Insects are attracted to the brighter light. The lamp is of medium size and the light can be more easily directed than low pressure sodium. This is the predominant lamp now in use.
- 3) **Mercury lamps (MBF)** (bluish-white lamps). These emit light over a moderate spectrum including a larger component of UV light to which insects are particularly sensitive. Insects are attracted in large numbers along with high densities of bat species. (Rydell & Racey 1993). They are rare now and are not used in new developments.
- 4) **White SON.** This is whiter than High Pressure Sodium and has a larger component of UV light.
- 5) **Metal Halide**. A small lamp and therefore more easy to focus light and make directional. Emits less UV light than mercury but more than high pressure sodium. It comes in three forms a) Quartz arc tube (HQI); b) Ceramic arc tube (CDM-T) and c) Cosmo which is a new ceramic form.

- 6) **Light Emitting Diodes** (LEDs). Predicted to compete with metal halide and high pressure sodium as a widely used light source within the next few years. The light emitted is more directional. The light is produced in a narrow beam. It is instant light.
- 7) **Tungsten Halogen** (more directional). It is not used in new lighting schemes but may be encountered as security light on a private household.
- 8) **Compact Fluorescent** Mostly in use in residential street lighting. It produces a white light that does include UV light. It can be used at a low wattage and therefore on a low output to achieve low lux.

Legal requirements for lighting

There is no legislation requiring an area or road to be lit.

The Building Regulations specify that 150 W is the maximum for exterior lighting of buildings but this does not apply to private individuals.

There are a number of British Standards that relate to various components of lighting and there are also guidelines that relate to crime prevention, prevention of vehicular accidents and amenity use.

Many County councils and less often District and Borough councils set out standards in local guidance policy documents. These are sometimes based on the advice given by the Highways Authority 'TA49 – Approval of new and replacement lighting on trunk roads and trunk road motorways'.

In assessing the need for lighting it would be beneficial to ask the local authority for their lighting policy document as this should incorporate all of the above.

The installation of lighting and the planning system

Domestic lighting needs no planning permission and depends on direct advice being given to the householder. Lighting associated with new development or a listed building does require planning permission. Planning officers or developers when dealing with applications for lighting in an area of suitable bat habitat eg. woodland, old pasture, linking hedgerows and water habitats) should seek information on bat roosts in the area.



If assistance is needed they can contact the BCT Bat Helpline 0845 1300 228 who may be able to suggest how best to access information on bat roosts known in the area. If bat roosts are suspected, it may be necessary to conduct a bat survey. A survey may need to

determine the species of bat affected, their population levels, the likely impact of the lighting on the bats and possible mitigation.

The need to install lighting should be questioned. Where lighting is permitted, as may be necessary for public safety, conditions should be imposed to ensure the impact of the lighting on the bats is kept to a minimum. The use of a lighting design computer program that predicts where light will fall should be used to predict the potential impact and to plan mitigation.

The consultation on the addition to PPS23 on Pollution Control of Annex 3 on lighting is on hold at the present time (July 2007) until the outcome of the Baker review is known.

MITIGATION OF LIGHTING IMPACTS ON BATS

1. BAT ROOSTS

No bat roost (including access points) should be directly illuminated. If it is considered necessary to illuminate a building known to be used by roosting bats, the lights should be positioned to avoid the sensitive areas. Close offset accent lighting causes less light pollution; it is more specific and can be designed to avoid bat sensitive areas, and better highlights the features of the subject of the illumination.

2. FORAGING AND COMMUTING

Type of lamp (light source)

The impact on bats can be minimised by the use of low pressure sodium lamps or high pressure sodium instead of mercury or metal halide lamps where glass glazing is preferred due to its uv filtration characteristics.

Luminaire and light spill accessories

Lighting should be directed to where it is needed and light spillage avoided. This can be achieved by the design of the luminaire and by using accessories such as hoods, cowls, louvres and shields to direct the light to the intended area only. Planting can also be used as a barrier or manmade features that are required within the build can be positioned so as to form a barrier.

Lighting column

The height of lighting columns in general should be as short as is possible as light at a low level reduces the ecological impact. However, there are cases where a taller column will enable light to be directed downwards at a more acute angle and thereby reduce horizontal spill. For pedestrian lighting this can take the form of low level lighting that is as directional as possible and below 3 lux at ground level. The acceptable level of lighting may vary dependent upon the surroundings and on the species of bat affected.

Predicting where the light cone and light spill will occur

There are lighting design computer programs that are widely in use which produce an image of the site in question, showing how the area will be affected by light spill when all the factors of the lighting components listed above are taken into consideration. This should be a useful tool to inform the mitigation process.

Light levels

The light should be as low as guidelines permit. If lighting is not needed, don't light.

Timing of lighting

The times during which the lighting is on should be limited to provide some dark periods. Roads or trackways in areas important for foraging bats should contain stretches left unlit to avoid isolation of bat colonies. These unlit stretches should be 10 metres in length either side of commuting route.

3. FLOODLIGHTING OF SPORTS OR EVENTS

The use of asymmetric beam floodlights (as opposed to symmetric) orientated so that the glass is parallel to the ground will ensure that the light is cast in a downward direction and avoids horizontal spill.



See the National Trust guide to 'Events, concerts and bats' at http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-bat05_events.pdf for further advice on ways to reduce the impact of event lighting.

4. SECURITY LIGHTING

Power It is rarely necessary to use a lamp of greater than 2000 lumens (150 W) in security lights. The use of a higher power is not as effective for the intended function and will be more disturbing for bats.

Movement sensors Many security lights are fitted with movement sensors which, if well installed and aimed, will reduce the amount of time a light is on each night. This is more easily achieved in a system where the light unit and the movement sensor are able to be separately aimed.

Timers If the light is fitted with a timer this should be adjusted to the minimum to reduce the amount of 'lit time'.

Aim of light The light should be aimed to illuminate only the immediate area required by using as sharp a downward angle as possible. This lit area must avoid being directed at, or close to, any bats' roost access points or flight paths from the roost. A shield or hood can be used to control or restrict the area to be lit. Avoid illuminating at a wider angle as this will be more disturbing to foraging and commuting bats as well as people and other wildlife.

Alternatives

It may be a better solution for security lighting on domestic properties to use a porch light.

Ongoing areas of research

- The impact of light on commuting corridors used by lesser horseshoe bats. Emma Stone, University of Bristol
- The effects of lighting on prime bat foraging areas within London, concentrating on riparian habitats and open spaces. Alison Fure.
- The effect of light and noise on British bat species. Frank Greenaway.

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Glossary of terms

(used in this article or that may be used by the lighting industry)

Arc tube	A tube normally ceramic or quartz
	enclosed by the outer glass envelope of a
	HID lamp that contains the arc stream.
Asymmetric beams	Lamp is off-centre in a reflector more
	steeply curved at one end.
Candela	The intensity of a light source in a specific
	direction. Unit of Luminous intensity
Contrast	The relationship between the luminance of
	an object and its background. The higher
	the contrast the more likely it is an object

	can be seen.
Cowl	Physical light spill control accessory.
Diffuse	Term describing dispersed light
	distribution referring to the scattering of
	light.
Efficacy	A measure of light output against energy
•	consumption measured in lumens per
	watt.
HID	High Intensity Discharge. Describes
	mercury vapour, metal halide and high
	pressure sodium lamps.
High Pressure Sodium Lamp	A HID lamp whose light is produced by
-	radiation from high pressure sodium
	vapour which usually includes a small
	amount of UV light.
Hood	Physical light spill control accessory.
Illuminance	Illuminance is the quantity of light, or
	luminous flux, falling on a unit area of a
	surface. It is designated by the symbol E.
	The unit is the lux (lx).
Lamp	Light source.
Light cone	The angle at which the beam falls off to
	50% of peak intensity.
Light Pollution	The spillage of light into areas where it is
	not required. Also known as obtrusive
	light.
Light spill	The light that falls outside the light cone.
Light Trespass (nuisance)	Light that impacts on a surface outside of
	the area designed to be lit by a lighting
	installation. The correct legal term is
	nuisance.
Louvres	Physical light spill control accessory.
Low Pressure Sodium	A discharge lamp in which light is
	produced by radiation from low pressure
	sodium vapour. Emits light at only 589nm
•	ie. monochromatic.
Lumen	The unit of light output from a lamp.
Luminaire	Light fitting or unit designed to distribute
	light from a lamp or lamps.
Luminance	The physical measure of the stimulus that
	produces the sensation of brightness
	measured by the luminous intensity
	reflected in a given direction. The unit is
	the candela per square metre (cd/m²).
Lux (LX)	Illuminance is the quantity of light or
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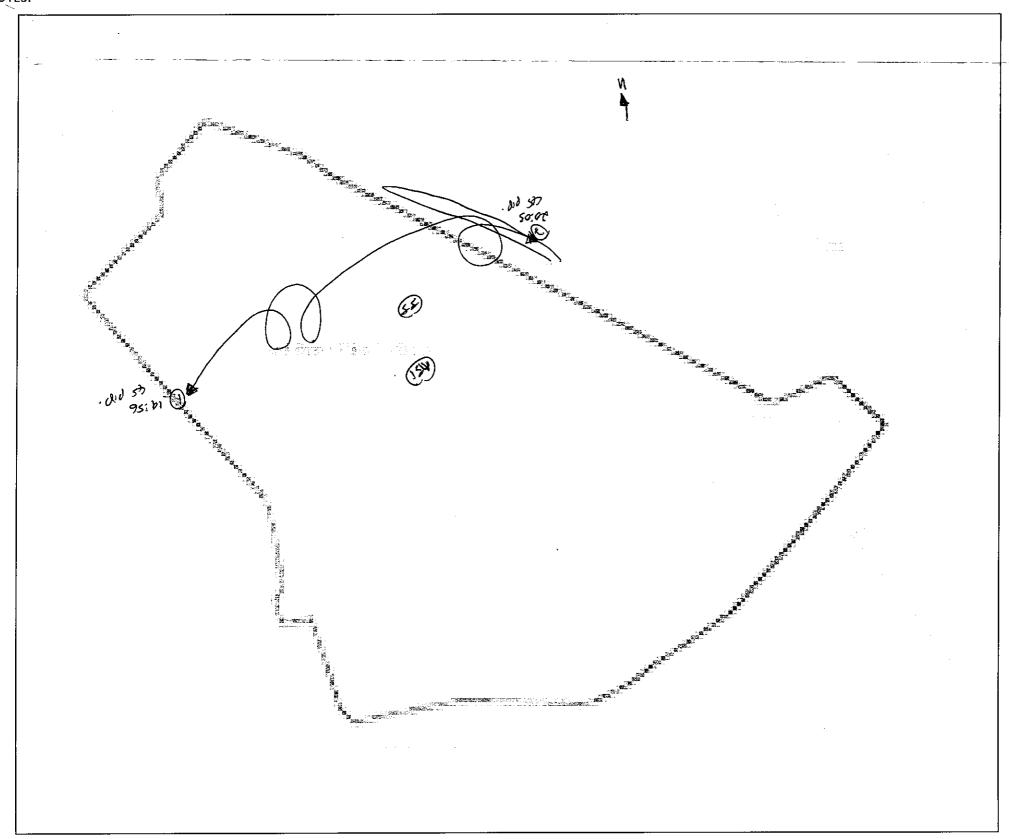
Metal Halide (includes CDM-T)	surface in the environment. It is designated by the symbol E. The unit is lux (lx). A type of HID lamp in which most of the light us produced by radiation of metal halide and mercury vapours in the arc tube. Emits UV light. UV poor variants are available. It comes in three forms a) Quartz arc tube (HQI); b) Ceramic arc tube (CDM-T) and c) Cosmo which is a new ceramic form
Mercury	High pressure white light lamp that emits significant UV light.
Optic	The components of a luminaire such as reflectors, refractors, protectors which make up the directional light control section.
Photocell	A unit which senses light to control luminaires.
Reflector	A device used to reflect light in a given direction.
Refractor	A device used to redirect the light output from a lamp when the light passes through it. It is usually made from prismatic glass or plastic.
Shield	Physical light spill control accessory.
Sky glow	The brightening of the night sky caused by artificial lighting.
Symmetric beams	Lamp mounted in the centre of the reflector.
Ultra violet (UV)	Radiation that is shorter in wavelength and higher in frequency than visible violet light.
Voltage	The difference in electrical potential between two points of an electrical circuit.
Watt (W)	The unit for measuring electrical power.



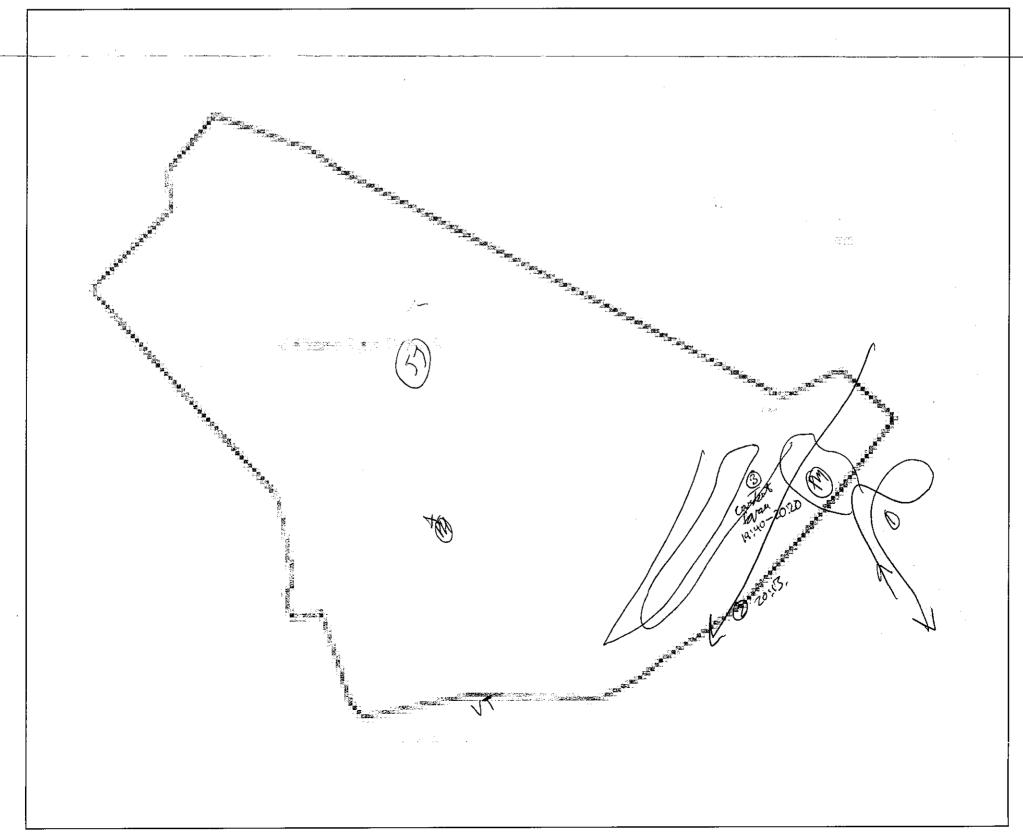
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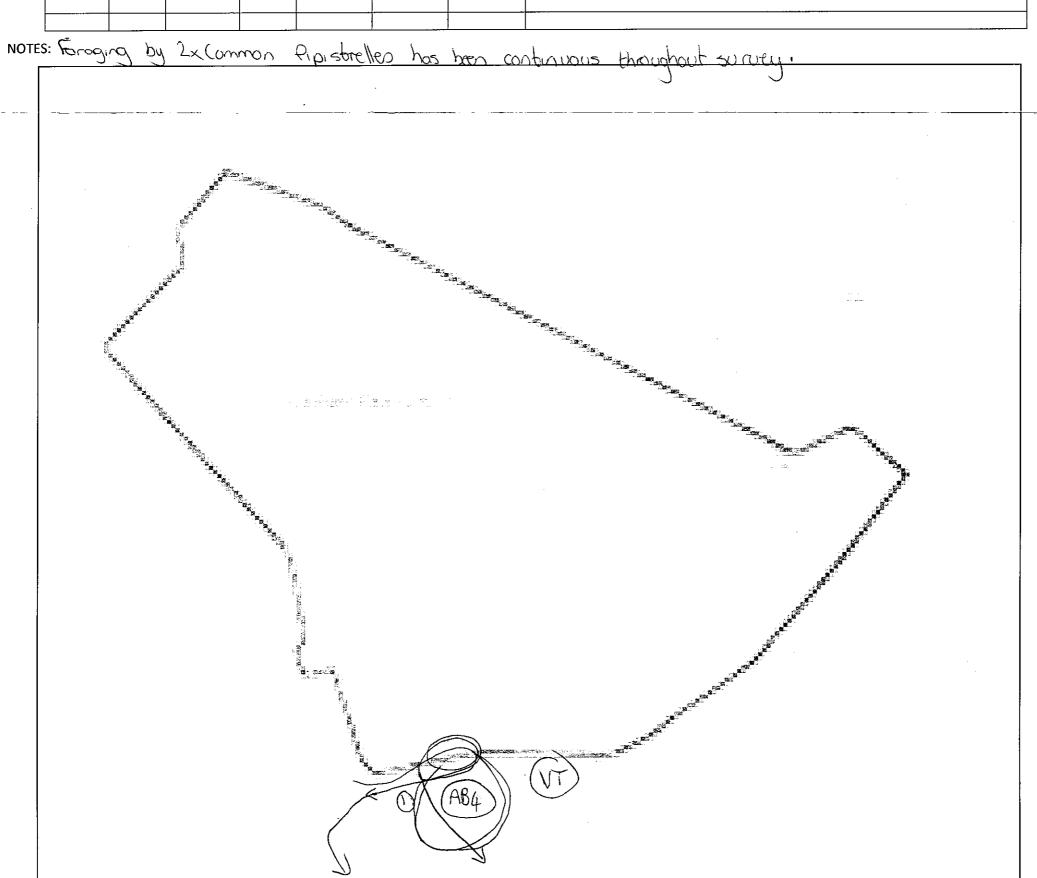
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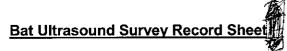


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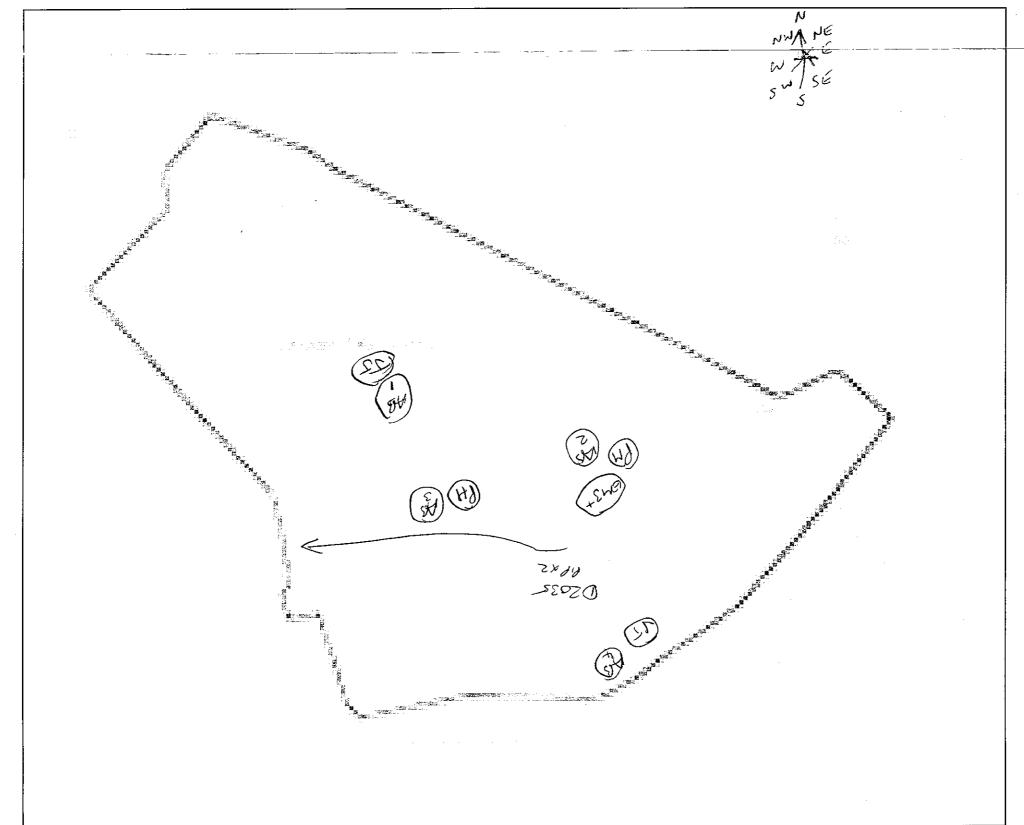


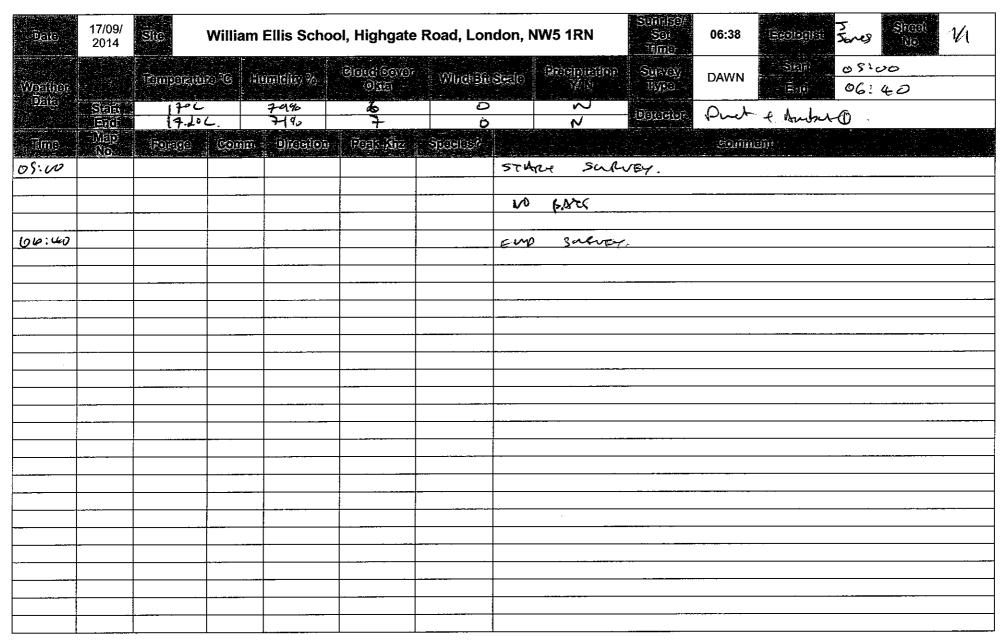
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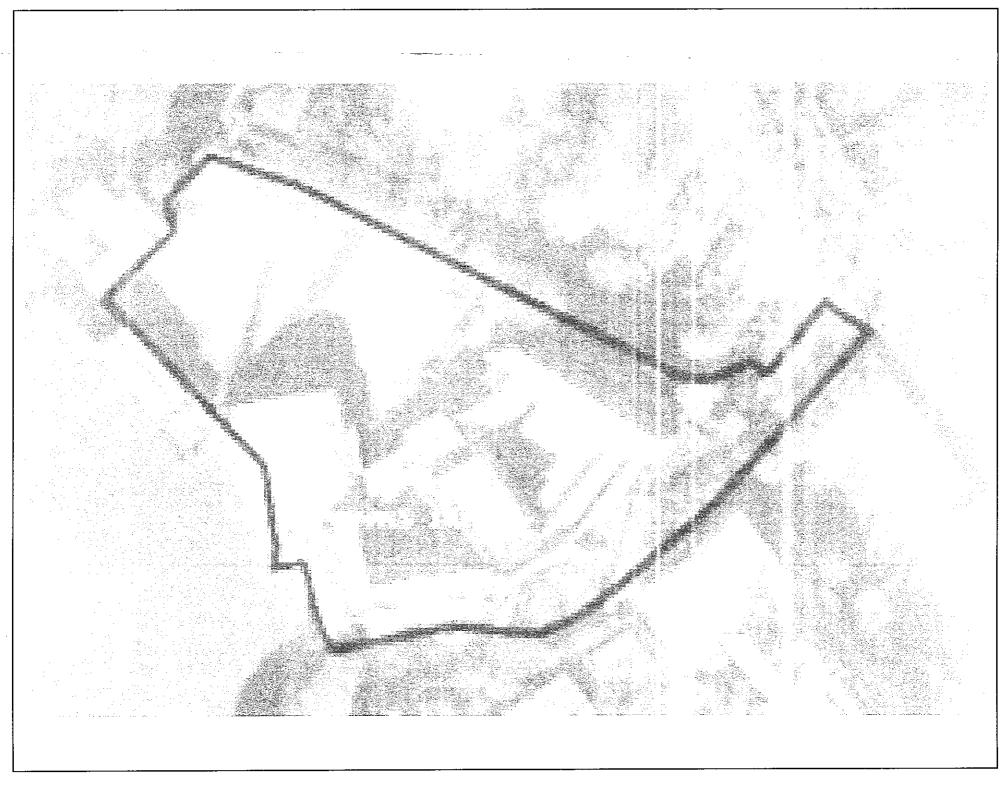


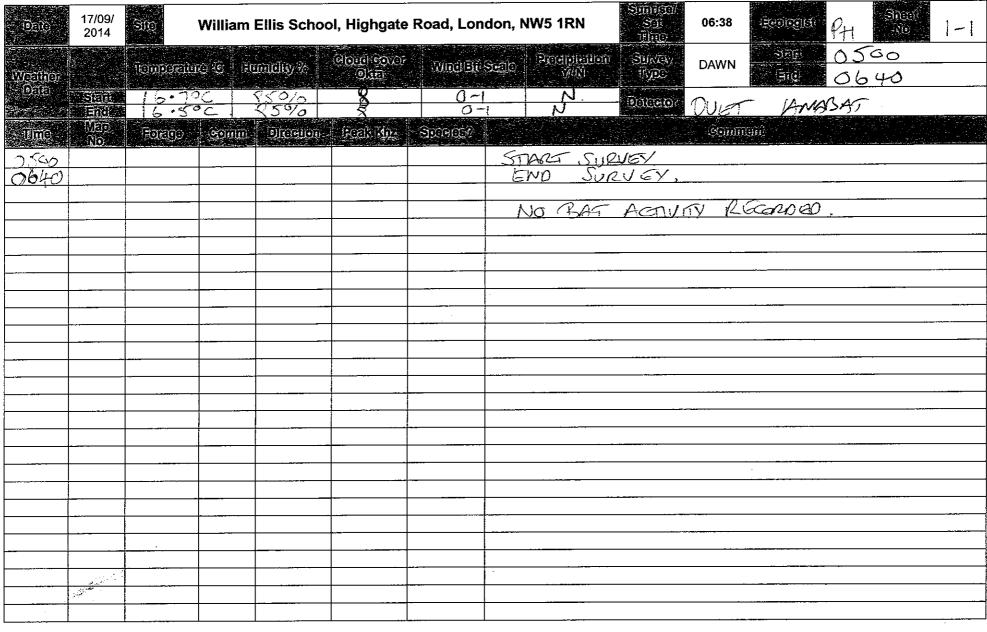


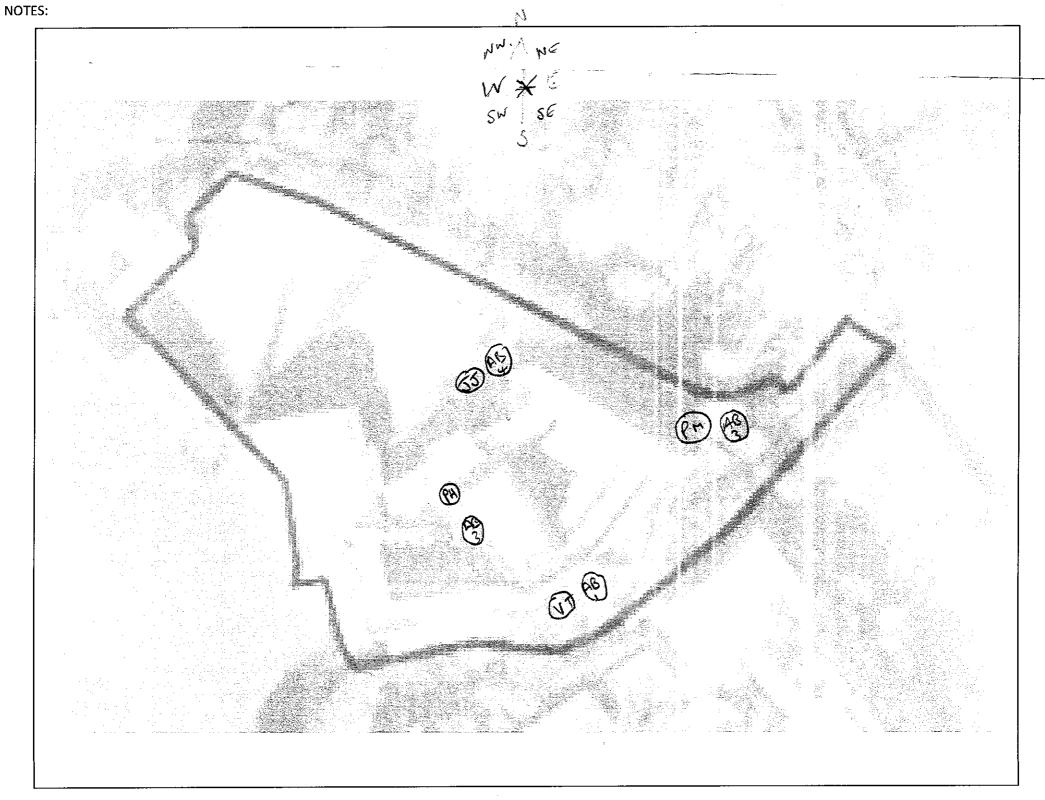
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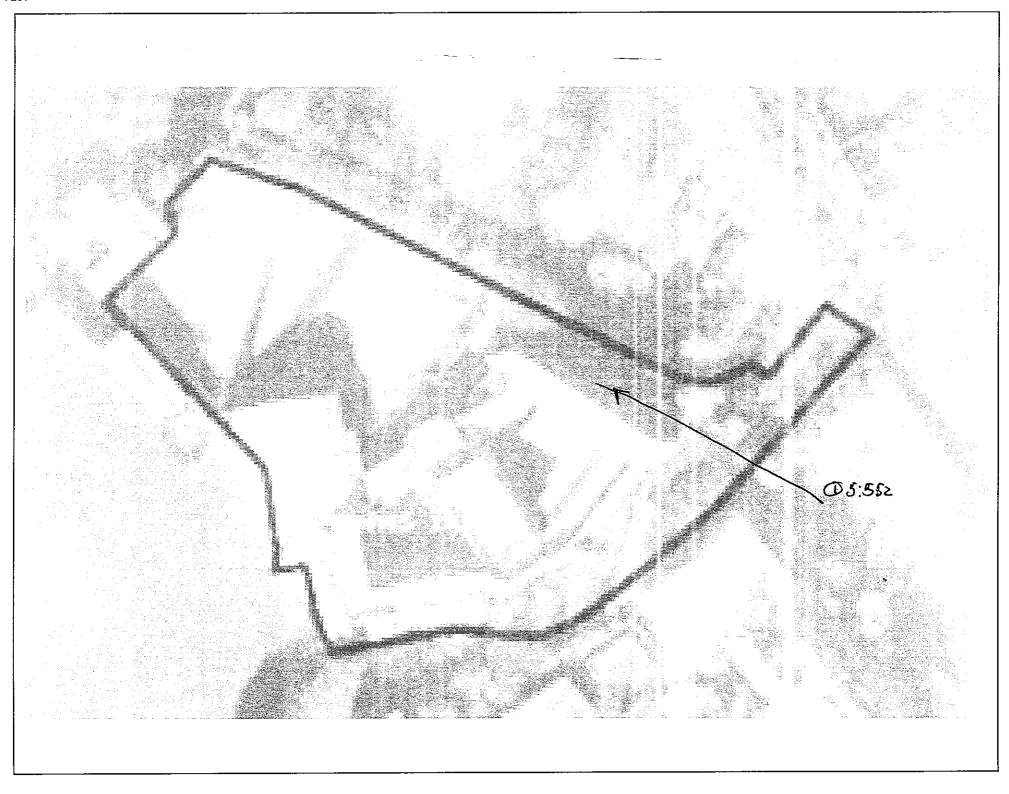




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NOTES: Foraging continuous until around 06.15, mostly 45 Pip, Occasional 55 Pip.

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APPENDIX 8

Building Classification Form



Bat Presence / Absence Survey: William Ellis School, Highgate Road, London

Gener al				Roof					Walls and windows						Cellar		Loft									
Building	Approximate construction date	ren	Number of stories (excluding loft)	Roof shape	Roof cover	Roof condition	Number of chimneys	Soffits	Walls	Cavity walls	Wall condition	Windows	Hanging tiles?	Wooden cladding?	Present?	Description	Exists	Loft access	Loft structure	Flying space within loft	Underfelt	Comments	Obvious access points recorded	Signs of bats	Comments	Bat roost potential assessment
1	1910's	School	3	Multi pitched with modern curved section	Red tile with metal sheet	good	5	Wooden And metal edge sheet	Brick and block with render	yes	good	Metal with secondary glazing , double glazing	no	no	unknown	-	none	no	-	-	-	School has sealed loft area, modern buildings at rear have floor to celling	Some gaps around soffits	none	Building has been extended many times and modern metal sheet roofs	low

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