



## GI STATEMENT

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Dear Matt,

We are writing in response to your questions asked in the internal memorandum dated 07/11/25. The questions have been provided below. For ease of reference, BE Ecological Ltds responses have been provided in black.

o Please could the unique reference number for SEWBReC be quoted within the report?

This has now been updated in the bat report.

o The limitation regarding the use of NVAs is noted/accepted. This may have impacted the emergence survey results in relation to potential late-emerging species (e.g., brown long-eared bats) in dark condition due to the limitations of the human eye (Davidson-Watts, 2021).

Whilst this is acknowledged, the building was checked prior to survey with no bats identified. In addition to this, the basement floor is eye level with surveyors and it is only a small elevation, it is considered highly unlikely that a bat the size of a brown long-eared would have been missed exiting a window

o Question – were there PRFs within the basement where other BLE bats may have been present, but unseen? Perhaps a winter survey using static detectors and cameras would be appropriate?

There are no PRfs within the basement. The walls are well pointed. The bat was hanging from a joist in the middle of the ceiling. The building has been subject to ongoing vandalism, any kit along with the data would highly likely be stolen. In addition to this, cameras would only run for a few hours not for a long period of time. Static detectors would only tell us that bats were present, not numbers.

o Question – is a bat box, suitable for summer and winter use suitable and sufficient compensation for the loss of a basement roost – given the limitations of the survey work referred to above.

Throughout the course of the survey, not a single dropping was identified in the building and the bat was not present on more occasions than it was present (only identified on one occasion). It is considered highly unlikely that the roost is anything but an occasional winter roost (the bat was awake and not hibernating). The client is willing to put in a small bat house if necessary

o Question: exactly where, within the basement, was the brown-long-eared bat observed?

Hanging from a joist beneath the front door (in full view)

o Question: could a part of the basement be retained for winter use by BLE bats?

The client is not happy to house the bat in the basement as the property will have tenants however, he has confirmed that he is happy to put in a small bat house in the rear garden

The bat house will measure 1.8m x 1.7m and will be at least 2.4m in height. Access for bats will be via a no more than 20mm gap beneath the barge board and fascia of the bat house on the rear elevation. A door will be included for monitoring purposes only. The roof will be lined with bitumen felt. Three of the following hibernation boxes will be included within the bat house as an enhancement.[https://www.nhbs.com/4?q=&hPP=60&idx=titles&p=0&fR%5Bhide%5D%5B0%5D=false&fR%5Blive%5D%5B0%5D=true&fR%5Bshops.id%5D%5B0%5D=4&fR%5Bsubsidiaries%5D%5B0%5D=1&hFR%5Bsubjects\\_equipment.lvI1%5D%5B0%5D=Bat%20Boxes%20%3E%20Hibernation%20Boxes&slug=hibernation-boxes&srsId=AfmBOoqUDQS2UfPo54hI5kTzNHBstfjoBNuGtjK\\_ziM7Hr9-QHiy6VTr&qtview=223050](https://www.nhbs.com/4?q=&hPP=60&idx=titles&p=0&fR%5Bhide%5D%5B0%5D=false&fR%5Blive%5D%5B0%5D=true&fR%5Bshops.id%5D%5B0%5D=4&fR%5Bsubsidiaries%5D%5B0%5D=1&hFR%5Bsubjects_equipment.lvI1%5D%5B0%5D=Bat%20Boxes%20%3E%20Hibernation%20Boxes&slug=hibernation-boxes&srsId=AfmBOoqUDQS2UfPo54hI5kTzNHBstfjoBNuGtjK_ziM7Hr9-QHiy6VTr&qtview=223050)

The bat house will be double skinned breeze block so that bats can access the cavity for hibernation purposes if they wish. Please see associated plans.

o There is nothing in the Method Statement about ensuring that the basement is free of bats prior to works – would exclusion be needed?

This has now been updated within the bat report

o Document 1 includes a sparrow terrace sited on the front elevation of the property, however this elevation faces the street and an alternative elevation should therefore be chosen.

This has now been updated within the bat report

A landscape habitat management plan will be provided once the county ecologist is in agreement with the proposed bat mitigation as this may influence the layout of the site.

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