

1. Introduction

1.1 Reason for Survey, see plan

It is proposed to demolish this block of disused stables. There is the potential to affect bats and their roosts and bat survey was required.

1.2 The Site

The site was at 90 Watling Street, Affetside.
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2. Method

2.1 Risk Assessment, Possible Hazards

In order to counter the risk posed by the present Corona virus outbreak, surveyors kept at least two metres apart. Both surveyors kept a distance of at least two metres between them and the residents. Both surveyors washed hands immediately on returning home from the survey.

There were no other hazards other than those normally encountered when surveying sound buildings or at night.

2.2 Daylight Survey, 16.6.2021, see photos and plan

The buildings were assessed for bat roosting potential.
This survey was carried out at a season when bats had been fully active and signs of bat occupation were likely to be evident.

Areas searched were:

Outside; eaves, roof and walls for potential bat access holes, surfaces under eaves for signs of bat occupation.

Inside; all floors for signs of bat occupation.

There were neither cellars nor roof voids.

The immediate area was assessed for bat roosting and foraging potential.

2.3 Evening Survey, 16.6.2021, see plan

Two surveyors equipped with heterodyne bat detectors were sited either side of the building such that any emerging bats would be in view. The rear was obstructed by buildings on the property next door and emergence at this aspect would not be possible. The survey started at 19.43hrsBST and ended at 21.12, by which time it was too dark to see clearly.

The weather conditions and all observed bat activity were recorded.

The surveyors were Martin Prescott and Susan Lonsdale, both experienced bat surveyors.

Any signs of nesting birds were noted.