

Supplementary Bat Survey Report

Baguleys Garden Centre, Midgeland Road, Stanley Blackpool FY4 5HE



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1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 ADK Environmental Management Ltd. was re-commissioned to carry out a further updated bat survey at Baguleys Garden Centre, Midgeland Road, Blackpool, FY4 5HE, as the results of an original full survey undertaken in October 2013 had now 'expired'. This survey, carried out on 13th May 2016 should be considered as a 'Supplementary' to the original Bat & Breeding Bird Survey undertaken by ADK Environmental Management Ltd. in October 2013.
- 1.2 This 'Supplementary Survey' involved a further assessment of the original survey site following the removal of several trees, removal of all stock items, the virtual total dismantlement of the single storey pre-fabricated main building, all greenhouses and poly-tunnels and integration of the adjoining paddock into the site.
- 1.3 The results of the original October 2013 survey, Part 6: Recommendations, reported that "there is no reasonable likelihood that bats or other protected species were using, or had used, the main buildings, outbuildings or trees at any time of the year and it is recommended that further surveys are not required".
- 1.4 From this completed second walkover assessment of the survey site, where only the basic 'skeletal' metal structure remains of the original single storey building, removal of several trees and the integration of an adjacent paddock into the main site, it is extremely unlikely that the remains of the original structure will provide any form of habitat suitable for bats.
- 1.5 It is therefore considered bats are not a statutory constraint to the continuation of the proposed works and no further survey work is required.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 ADK Environmental Management Ltd was re-commissioned by Mr Keith Gleeson (Agent) on behalf of Mr Dennis Mackay to conduct a further bat survey at the premises of Baguleys Garden Centre which is now non- operational as a business. The purpose of the survey was to determine the potential of the building in its current state to support roosting bats and to determine if there are any statutory constraints to the proposed works continuing.
- 2.2 The original site contained the main building, housing sales and some small offices in a single storey building of pre-fabricated, mainly aluminium, construction. Additionally there were greenhouses and several poly tunnels. There was an adjacent paddock area identified within the curtilages of the site.
- 2.3 The original survey and assessment were required by the Local Planning Authority in order to assist them when considering any application for development that there would be no breach of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

3.0 METHODOLOGY

- 3.1 A walkover survey of the whole site was carried out as previously undertaken.

4.0 RESULTS

- 4.1 The site, now completely enclosed with metal secure fencing consisted of a levelled hard standing concrete area, including the previously adjacent paddock, but with all other built structures removed. All stock items, greenhouses and poly-tunnels together with a number of trees have been removed. The single storey pre-fabricated main building was almost totally dismantled with the whole of the roof being removed, the whole of the internal partitioning and significant areas of the sides of the building.

5.0 CONCLUSIONS

- 5.1 The degree of demolition and site clearance already undertaken together with the residual remnants of the original pre-fabricated main building makes it highly unlikely that this site could provide potential habitat suitable for roosting bats.
- 5.2 Therefore, bats are not considered a statutory constraint to the proposed development works. No further surveys are required.

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SITE PHOTOGRAPHS (taken by author 13th May 2016)





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