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For the attention of The Planning Department

Dear Sirs

PROPOSED WORKS AT 4 FOSTER BECK LODGES PATELEY BRIDGE– REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO UNDERTAKE A SPECIALIST BAT SURVEY

With reference to the above proposals I would request exemption from the requirement to undertake a specialist bat survey for the following reasons:

1. My own inspection revealed no evidence of bats or their droppings.
2. The roofspace is accessed at reasonably regular intervals for loft space storage reasons.
3. The roofspace is restricted in terms of bats flying room by stored objects.
4. The roof covering is composed of modern interlocking tiles on a continuous lapped and sealed felt underlay. It is even with no gaps which would facilitate access for bats.
5. There are no known gaps within the eaves etc which would facilitate access for bats.
6. The property was built in the latter half of the last century
7. No evidence of droppings, no sightings of bats within the loft space, no sightings of bats emerging from the loft space

I attach a photograph showing the roof.

Should you require any further information or have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address.

With Kind regards,
Yours Sincerely,

Stephen Wood.

