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Dear Kathie

STONE FARM BARN, LEIGHTERTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE

The single-storey barn at the above site was determined in July 2023 by Five Valleys Ecology as having moderate potential to support roosting bats.

As requested, this letter is to confirm the results of dusk emergence/dawn re-entry bat surveys that were subsequently undertaken of the building by Five Valleys Ecology.

One dusk emergence survey and one dawn re-entry survey were undertaken during July and August 2023 in accordance with published best practice guidance¹. The survey work was led by Tim Smith (Natural England Bat Class Licence No. 2015-10870-CLS-CLS).

No roosting bats were recorded using the building during either of the surveys by any of the surveyors.

In summary, based on published guidance on survey method and effort the dusk emergence/dawn re-entry surveys that have been undertaken of the barn can be regarded as a reliable negative result¹. A full report will be prepared in due course in accordance with the agreed timescales.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

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¹ Collins, J. (ed.), 2016. *Bat Surveys for Professional Ecologists: Good Practice Guidelines (3rd edition)*. Bat Conservation Trust, London