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Dear Emma,

Bat Survey Assessment – 87 Sidford High Street, Sidmouth, East Devon.

Further to your recent enquiry, we can confirm that within the 2023 faunal assessment of the 87 Sidford High Street property and curtilage, an external inspection for bats was undertaken with an accompanying single evening bat emergence survey. This survey was undertaken on 23/08/23 during suitable weather conditions.

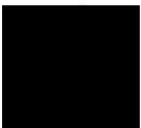
Overall, the main house on site was found to have deteriorated significantly since the previous bat surveys undertaken in 2020 with ongoing vandalism of the building structure leading to many hanging clay tiles on the southern elevation now being broken, windows above smashed and left open and with vegetation starting to encroach up the sides of the property.

The results of the single emergence survey did not document any bats emerging from the property but did observe Common pipistrelle and occasional Serotine bat foraging across the garden area, as previously found in prior surveys. The 87 Sidford High Street property is therefore not currently considered to be a bat roosting site.

However, due to the presence of two Common pipistrelles roosting behind the hanging tiles in 2014 (albeit not recorded since) we would recommend that the hanging tiles on the southern elevation of the dwelling are removed by hand under the supervision of a bat licensed ecologist, to provide maximal mitigation during the demolition process.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch should you require any further information or if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,



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