

**Putting up your box**

Bat boxes are more likely to be used if they are located where bats are known to feed. Ideally, several boxes should be put up facing in different directions on sunny aspects to provide a range of warm conditions. Boxes should be put as high as possible to try and avoid predation from cats on the ground or nearby structures. On buildings, boxes should be placed as close to the eaves as possible. Bats use dark tree lines or hedgerows for navigation, so putting boxes near these features could help bats find the box.

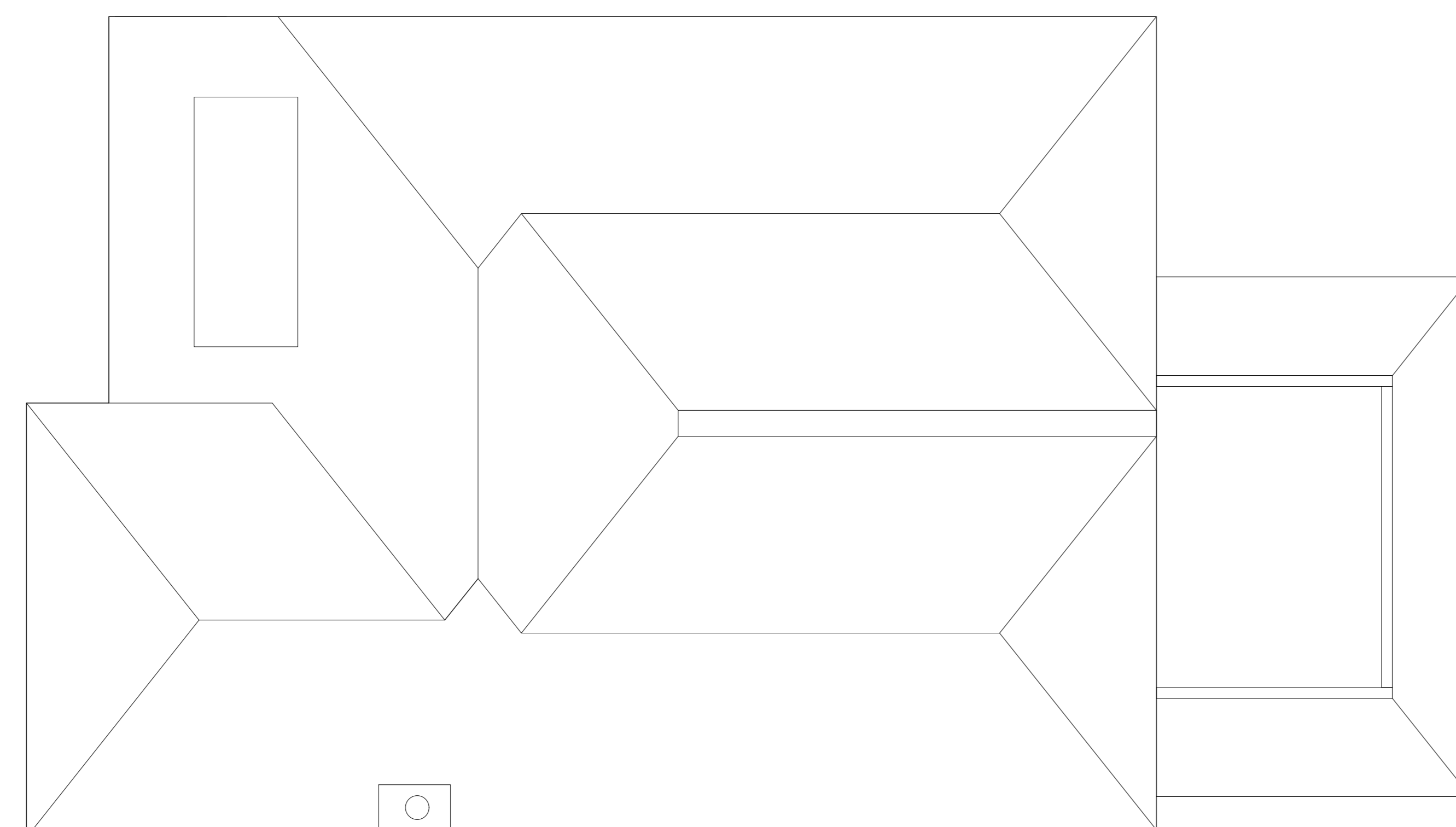
In summary, locate boxes:

- Where bats are known to feed and navigate (close to hedges and tree lines);
- Ideally at least 4m above the ground (where safe installation is possible);
- Away from artificial light sources (to protect them from predation); and
- Sheltered from strong winds and exposed to the sun for part of the day (usually south, south-east or south-west).

Bats need time to find and explore new homes, and it may be several months or even years before boxes have residents – be patient! Once bats find a place they want to live they can return over and over again. Droppings on the landing area, urine stains around the lower parts of the box and chattering noises from inside on warm afternoons and evenings are signs of occupation.



PROPOSED SIDE ELEVATION  
South Facing



PROPOSED ROOF FLOOR PLAN  
1:50 SCALE



Chambord Wooden Bat Box

**DETAILS**

**Colour**  
Black

**Material**  
FSC Certified Wood

**Suitable Wildlife**  
Bat

**Width**  
25cm

**Length**  
6.5cm

**Height**  
41cm



**APPLICATION - PLANNING**

All dimensions to be verified on site by contractors. Any discrepancies to be verified with the designer. No scaled dimensions to be used only figured dimensions. Copyright of HSD. Contractors to work to CDM 2015 if applicable.

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