

# Bat assessment statement

Gables, Newnham Road, Newnham, Hook, Hampshire, RG27 9AE

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The existing detached single storey garage in the rear garden of the application property is a brick structure with pressed metal vehicular entrance door, solid composite personnel door and single window. Its flat roof is finished in profiled metal sheeting and matching fascia with stone coping to the parapet head above the entrance door that rises above the roof finish.

The roof is sealed throughout with no gaps where the sheets lap or at junctions and as such has negligible potential for bats as the continuous metal fascia is securely fixed to the brickwork facade to maintain a weather tight integrity.

During a thorough measure of the garage, I experienced no visible sign of any evidence of bats.

There is no external ivy or other vegetation which could cover crevices within the outer envelope to offer ingress to the roof structure.

The applicants can hereby confirm that they have no knowledge and there has been no sighting of any free-hanging bats or the natural sign of their presence such as food, droppings, roost entrances, scratch marks or piles of insect remains within or around the garage.

It can therefore be concluded that its removal will have no detrimental impact or disturbance on the Bat species, in line with legislation recommended in PPS9 (Planning Policy Statement 9: Biodiversity and Geological Conservation), The Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981, Countryside & Rights of Way (CROW) Act 2000 and The Conservation (Natural Habitats Etc) Regulations 1994.

Should however, during subsequent dismantling works, the presence of bats be found, works will immediately cease and the SNCO (Statutory Nature Conservation Organisation) will be contacted directly, their advice requested and strictly adhered to.

**For and on behalf of Mr & Mrs D Bearman (applicants)**