

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Greg Jones Ecologist completed bat surveys and a report in September 2024 for buildings at the Butcher's Arms, Alltwen. At the time of writing the original report, full details of proposals for the building were unavailable. More recently the proprietor has submitted full plans for the site to the Local Planning Authority. This addendum is therefore intended to update the original report in respect of the proposed works.

2.0 ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSED WORKS IN RELATION TO BATS

The applicant has submitted proposals to demolish the free-standing stores room, flat roof rear and side extensions of the main building, and re-landscaping works. The preliminary roost assessment and subsequent live surveys showed no use of these areas (proposed for demolition and re-landscaping) by bats. Two common pipistrelle bats were recorded emerging from fascias on the main building roof which will not be affected by the proposed works. The original bat survey report recommended the following:

Recommendation: A derogation licence for bats together with appropriate mitigation and / or compensatory measures pertinent to the species recorded will be required to undertake works that affect the roof space of the main building. Works must also be managed to prevent impacts to nesting birds.

As the proposed works do not affect the roof space of the main building, it is expected that the proposed works can be undertaken without disturbing the bats, and therefore not require a derogation licence.

A non-licence method statement (shown below) is recommended and should be adhered to during all works to prevent any inadvertent disturbance to bats.

3.0 NON-LICENCE METHOD STATEMENT FOR BATS

Table 1 below sets out the non-licence method statement for bats to be used during proposed works at the site. A site induction in relation to bats and nesting birds will be undertaken by the ecologist to all site personnel.

Table 1. Non-licence method statement of bats.

Site: Butcher's Arms, Alltwen		Author: Greg Jones	
Subject: Demolition of stores building, flat roof extensions and re-landscaping works.		Date: 17.12.24	Ref. MS171224
Personnel / Competencies			
All site personnel will be briefed by the ecologist on the likely presence of bats within the roof spaces of the main building and will be expected to abide by this non-licence method statement.			
Precautionary Works			
- No works will be undertaken in the vicinity of the bat roost location under fascias on the main roof. - Disturbance in the forms of noise, dust and vibration must be kept to an absolute minimum during all demolition and re-landscaping works. - If bats are encountered during the works, works must cease immediately, and a suitably licenced bat worker, or Natural Resources Wales contacted for advice. - If a bat is found grounded on site, this must be reported to a suitably licenced bat worker, or Natural Resources Wales. - Nesting birds may be present, and checks should be undertaken ahead of works commencing to ensure active nests are not impacted. If live nests are present in working areas, works must not commence until the nestlings have fledged.			

I the undersigned have received, understand, and will comply with the site method statement.

Print Name

Signature

Company

Date.